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Miss Anna B. Jones. S
Granville. Ohio
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Boston, Mass.

Dear Friend:

You were
ery kind to write so fully.
was sorry to have to ask a
essage or trouble you in any
ay while you were feeling
sick. I trust that the exertion
ade you no worse.
ou may have heard ere this
hat Constantinople was decided
on as my place of future work
d that I sail from this country
ith Mrs. Newell about the first
April. It was very hard
me to know what was best
choose and I would much
ther have had you and Mrs. N.
ide the matter yourselves.
ter meeting Mrs. Newell and
inding her so congenial and
lightful it was well nigh

impossible not to let wish of
being associated with her, perh
unduly influence me.

I do hope results will prov
that I made no mistake bu
it will be with a good deal
of fear and trembling that
I shall enter upon my work
I feel that it is much wiser
to hasten my preperations tha
I may see the work in active op
tion while Miss Twitchell
is still there.

I do hope that you are much
better by this time and that
you may have patience to
become quite well before
undertaking your work aga

Yours truly
Anna B. Jon

Oberlin, O. 28 West St.
Feb. 8. 1890.

Rev. J. Smith;
Boston, Mass.

Dear Friend:

Your answer to my letter written after my return was duly received. I came to Oberlin Wednesday and was disappointed when I learned the next day that you had just left Oberlin that afternoon. Cousin had just been saying that it was about time for you to make your annual visit here.

Is it too late for me to change my mind in reference to my paying two hundred dollars of my salary? When, the last day of my stay in Boston, I incidentally spoke of this matter to Mrs. Newell she advised me not to do it, saying that one always found so many ways

of great usefulness for extra
money and that it was always
considered a nice thing when
a missionary had money with whi
she could take restful trips
the vacation when necessary.
She had intended to do the
thing when she thought of goin
out but the ladies of the Boa
influenced her to allow her wh
salary to be paid by the churche
of America which were able a
ought to do that much.
Some of my friends had before
this been quite unwilling th
I should make such an offe
but when the same advice ca
from Mrs. Newell, who is in
such sympathy with missio
work, it had more weight wi
me.
I have dreaded very much t
speak of this and had though
perhaps I better wait until
could have (the first of Feb.) a
personal interview with Mr.
of Paddy's Run - my cousin, w
has always taken charge of

business. In a letter received from him a short time since he spoke discouragingly of the prospect of my receiving my rent from the larger of my two small farms. Were not the farming interests of our country in so depressed a condition I would not hesitate to pledge the $200. for I ought to have enough left to answer for extra calls.

Thinking it would be well to let you know how this matter stands, I have written that you may know there is some uncertainty about the advisability of my keeping my promise. I hope it will not seem that I am fickle.

I do not need my outfit money just at present, possibly not until I'm ready to start for Boston.

Should I send my baggage that is to be sent by freight before I start myself? I want to take my piano.

was glad of the opportunity
f hearing Mr. Chambers last
Thurs. evening. All reports from
ork in Turkey are especially
interesting to me now.

Yours sincerely
Anna B. Jones

Miss Anna B. Jones
Oberlin, Feb. 8, 1890
Filed Feb. 10

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During the first week I was i Oberlin I received a cordial ven urgent invitation to come o Chicago to meet the ladies f this board and spend a ortnight in this Home of the oody Bible Institute, they ery generously offering to ear all charges.

I feared at first that I cd ot gain enough to make his a paying investment or them, but I believe it will e worth to my work the cost. Mrs. Capron is such a wonderful oman that what I gain rom her alone is of great value. I wish all missionaries, at ast those as inexperienced s myself cd have this training.

Yours most truly
Anna B. Jones

Miss Anna B. Jones. 5
230 La Salle Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 2/28/90

Rec'd March 3.

Rev. J. Smith:

Dear Friend —

If convenient find I would like my tfit money by the time I eturn to Oberlin — Mar. 8th — , possibly, 10th. My board nd traveling expenses of my Boston trip did not cost quite fifty dollars. When you ere asking about what I ould need I did not think y board w'd be quite so much ($1.50 per. da.) and thought fifty dollars would consider-ably exceed what I needed, you'll remember. Instead of 250. you may send $245.

Miss Anna B. Jones.

Oberlin, O.
Mar. 12. 1890

Rec'd Mch 15.

Rev. Judson Smith.

Dear Friend:—

I found your letter containing draft, last evening when I returned from Chicago.

I do not remember whether I wrote to you after I had decided to go up to Milwaukee to stay over Sunday with some very dear friends

I expected to get in to Oberlin on the one o'clock train but the switchmen were on a strike so I was delayed on the Northwestern R. R. and missed connection with the night train.

Mrs. Newell has doubtless informed you that she will not leave quite so early in April as she first planned.

I leave here tomorrow eve. for a weeks visit at Paddy's Run, O. and then shall return to Granville to pack. I am hoping to be ready so as to have about a week in Boston before sailing.

Yes, I remembered what you said about purchasing my furniture in Boston and it is certainly is much the best plan.

I didn't stop to consider how much better it was to leave my money, not at present needed, in your treasury. Thank you for the suggestion. Always feel free, please to correct me or give any needed advice. It will always be gratefully received.

My visit in Chicago will be a very delightful and helpful memory ever.

Very sincerely yrs.
Anna B. Jones.

Constantinople, Turkey.

Oct 25. 1890

Dear Dr. Smith:

Our work has assumed some new features these last few weeks about which I think you will be interested to hear. Two weeks ago we opened our English night school, having Paron Stephan as our assistant in the work of translation. Thirty five nice young men are now enrolled in this class We devote two evenings a week - Monday and Thursday to this and felt when we saw the large number from these mostly non-protestant young men come to the S. S. and even to the prayer meeting that we were being richly repaid for our efforts in this direction. With few exceptions they are young men whom Mrs Newell had never seen before."

Then two afternoons a week we have another English class consisting of some young men from a Turkish school who live too far away to come at night and begged that we wo'd take them in the afternoon. As there are seven moslems in the number, altho it calls for so much extra time, we feel it is fortunate that they could not come at night as we had first understood their request thro our servant. The Armenians are so suspicious and afraid of a Turk during these troublous times that we very much questioned the advisibility of receiving them in the night school. They have always been found rather an uncertain quantity in the night schools, Mrs K. says so altho we were very anxious to avail ourselves of such a rare chance of making the acquaintance of so many moslems, we did not wish to drive away the Armenians and Greeks and then later lose them too perhaps. They have taken up the study with much enthusiasm in these their first lessons and I do hope we can hold them long enough to gain some influence over them. It seems to me queer that moslems with their inherited and educational ideas are willing to be taught by a woman. Most interesting of all our Eng. students are two young men from one of the mosques, who also come twice a week.

They retain their turbans and flowing gowns so I really feel as if I was teaching Turks when I give them a lesson.
The green turban of one shows him to be a descendant of Mahomet. They seem to like music very much when I played for them so I think next time we can venture to ask them to sing some Turkish hymns with us. I fear tho that it may be about all my gravity can endure if the Turkish singing I heard this A. M. is a sample. Hearing some very strange sounds we went to the window and saw a procession of children from a Turkish school. In a carriage sat the hero of the occasion - a little boy with a most solemn and self important expression. The other children with their "hojas" followed, singing. I suppose I must honor it with that name tho it was far from our idea of the meaning of that word. The first day in school of wealthy children is thus inaugurated.
Another exceedingly interesting recent Moslem acquaintance is a Doctor, practicing in one of the Turkish hospitals. He as well as the two "theologues" was brought here and introduced by Vasil.

the Greek bookseller. This Dr. told Mrs N. that about two years ago he had chanced to go into a coffee shop in Pera, where some one was explaining our bible and he had bought one. Later he had gone to the same place but was disappointed to find no one there speaking Turkish (Mrs N. thinks it is now the Greek coffee-shop.). When asked whether he read it every day he said "No, but when I have time and when my heart is ill at ease." He found many good things in it but there were many things he did not understand: it was yet a sealed book and he wanted to understand it better. When he found this bookseller with the same kind of a book he had spoken to him with a hope that he c^{d} learn more about it. Mrs N. felt that her knowledge of theology in Turkish was not equal to the occasion and gaining this gentleman's hearty consent to here meet one of the Am. miss. who c^{d} better explain we have twice tried to arrange with Dr. Green for such a meeting but so far failed. How we have longed for a city miss. on this side, for we feel so helpless at such times. Dr Green has time to rush over here to preach at the coffee house on Sunday and then rush back and that is about all we see of him.

A continuous round of duties compelled me to lay aside this letter and now it is Wed. night. Meanwhile a new chapter in the history of this work has been written. Mrs N. said she and Miss Twichell used to say this house had been used for every thing except a funeral. Today it was used for that purpose. It happened in this way. A young man who had been a member of our S. S. died yesterday in the Quaker hospital which as you may know is not far from here. Fearing an order from the government to close this hospital they have hitherto allowed no deaths to occur there. but as a special favor this young man was permitted to remain on the condition that his friends take him away at night. Waiting until the muezzin called the policemen to prayers the young men succeeded in bringing him here without being molested. I am told that the composure of the friends at the services this noon was in marked contrast to that of the non-protestants and even of some protestant funerals. I was so glad too that they did not observe the usual ghastly custom of carrying the coffin thro the st. uncovered. One of his young friends said he wanted to be a preacher but he preached a grand sermon by his beautiful, happy death.

" Our S.S. opened very encouragingly. This last month there have not been less than two hundred I believe and it has reached 225. We felt greatly distressed over our interesting but hard won Greek dept when Mr [illegible] was sent away and Mr Michaelides settled down in Pera, where they already had Mr Brooks. Perhaps we forget that the Lord loves this work even better than we do. For the present we have secured a good teacher in a Greek young lady who comes all the way over from Pera her home, where she is temporarily. Mr. Michaelides is building up the diminishing class of Mr. Kazakos.

" For various reasons the day schools needed some added attractions, so I am giving music lessons to five pupils: in this way holding some of the older ones. I also teach Eng. an hour a day to the older Greek and Armenian children while the little ones in another room have some kindergarten exercises."

We are hoping Miss Gleason will be well enough to come to us soon for there is so much work we must leave undone and it is very confusing for Mrs R. since I have not yet enough language to relieve her from the varied and constant duties that require language and experience.

I find little or no time for study some days but learn a little every day in some way.

I have been wishing to write to Mrs Schneider but letter writing is such a time consumer that may I ask you to take the trouble of sending this after read. I am sure she will wish to hear of the progress of the mission in which she did such brave, earnest pioneer work. If you think Miss Child wd like to read this you might send it over to her and she wd see that Mrs S. has it. We were quite exercised when we saw your name suggested for the presidency of Oberlin College and feel thankful we still have you for our secretary. I have not forgotten your kind words to me. It is a comfort to have some of my home things around me. I had almost given up all hope that (my B. boxes) ~~they~~ would be found when Mrs Peet announced to me several week ago now that my boxes had come into port that day.

I wish my abilities and talents were quarupled for this large work for the Master. But I am doing the very best I can. I know that is all God demands of me tho human beings may exact more.

Most aff. Yours.
Anna B. Jones.

Cons'ple, Oct. 25. 1890
Rec'd Nov. 17.

P. S. After I had written this I found Mrs N. was also writing a letter to you also. Am sorry it happened so. but Mrs N. thinks I better send this any way. knowing you will kindly excuse repetion of accounts of any thing we may both have mentioned

A. B. J.

Constantinople, Turkey.
Sept. 16. 1894.

Dear Dr. Smith;

When we left Constantinople July 4th one of the many things I fully expected to do in our two months' vacation was to write a long deferred letter to you. but as you see it was not done.

Mrs Newell and I being very anxious to study Turkish decided upon Yozgat as the best place for us while Miss Gleason failing to find a suitable place in an Armenian atmosphere joined the party at Proti, one of the islands at this side of the Marmora. Altho Mrs Newell and I took this long interior trip against the earnest protest of many of our friends we have returned feeling that we have had a most profitable and pleasant summer. The only regret I have is that Mrs Newell was situated so that she did not have as much time for perfect rest as she needed. As for me I left my sore throat and cough in the high, dry air of Yozgat and feel quite like my old self again. I had seen nothing of the interior before and the entire summer was full of novelty. After two nights and a day on the Black Sea, which was so smooth and restful we reached Samsoon. There the Armenian pastor met us and with him and his family the next day we began our "araba" journey. At first we bounced about like india rubber balls, but it is surprising how quickly one can become accustomed to almost anything. By the time we returned I had become so used to the jolts and knocks of these springless wagons that I went sound asleep several times. The scenery from the coast to Marsovan is very picturesque much of the way. Altho heavy unseasonable rains had made the roads exceedingly bad, so that we were the second day from break of day until two hours after sunset in reaching Marsovan, I enjoyed it, for all the way there was something of interest to see. From the coast we met an almost uninterrupted line of camel trains, arabas or those queer twowheeled ox carts whose squeaking can be heard at a distance of a mile or two: it has no charms for its driver unless it is a musical (?) one, we were told. There were sometimes a hundred camels in a train, every five or six tied together and led by a tiny donkey whose riders swinging legs almost touched the ground and made the donkey at a distance look like a six legged animal. [The vacant faces of these hundreds and hundreds of men that we met shewed them to be but a few degrees above the animals that they drove. What a small proportion of this great nation does our work touch.] How we pitied the little girls and women occasionally seen among the drivers and sharing that hard life. One begins to realize a little what poverty is when he learns that some of these men have come a ten days journey to market and that for their little load of wheat, representing their whole summers work they will receive only four dollars. On the other hand of course living is cheap. For a cent enough bread for a day

can be bought.
At Marsovan we received a warm welcome from the delightful American circle there and they would not listen to our pushing on the next day and so reaching Yozgat before the sabbath. It was pleasant to be there during the commencements and see their beautiful work. We realized more and more during the summer what a blessing this college and seminary are to the country, as we met some of the students and saw how strong and helpful their influence is in their homes. When we left Marsovan after a weeks sojourn, we decided to go a day's journey out of our way in order to visit in company with Mr Wingate, some very ancient ruins, at Euyuk and Boghaz Keuy, supposed to be of Hittite origin. This experience was a unique one to me for here we saw genuine Turkish life in two entirely different phases. Only a few hours travel from the beaten track brought us to Euyuk, a little village of low mud huts, reminding of western

dugouts. We were evidently the first Frank women who had ever visited the place. The moment we alighted from our wagons to look at the old temple in the edge of the village we were surrounded by a group of women [who seemed like so many chattering monkeys and] who wanted to see every article of clothing we had on: our hats especially were a great wonderment to them. The name American was perfectly meaningless to them, so they concluded we must be ladies from the Sultan's palace. They scudded away in all directions when the "great man" an old man of nearly eighty came out to welcome us and conduct us to his "konack" or *mansion*, consisting of *one* room and a *stable*. He ruled all from the least to the greatest in true patriarchial style. The best of everything was placed at our disposal and after seeing us comfortably fixed for the night he, bidding us sleep in peace, went out and slept before the door as our watchman. Here the women all Turkish – made no pretence of covering their faces.

At Boghaz Keuy the immense rocks had been made use of in a very interesting way. Nature had built the temple here and it only remained for man to do the carving. This village also had no han but the bey who is immensely wealthy. entertained us with most generous but unobtrusive hospitality. Here also we had the rare opportunity of being twice invited to visit the women of his large harem. Poor prisoners with no thoughts higher than their profusion of gold coins and the petty gossip of their household.

According to previous arrangement Mrs Newell and I upon our arrival at Yozgat, went to different homes. The family where I boarded did not know a word of English; we had funny times understanding each other sometimes, but I always succeeded in making my wants known and was made quite comfortable. [I learned to sit on cushions at the low tables a la Turka and eat from the one common dish with quite good grace. We have since learned that this city is the most conservative of any in the empire. At first we feared that the lack of freedom would be very annoying but as foreigners we were accorded so much more liberty than the native women that we did not suffer in the least. There the christian women are even more closely veiled than the moslem and at church and even in their own houses if a male visitor is present the face is kept partly covered. In many non protestant homes, we were told, an almost haremlik system is maintained, that is, in regard to separate apartments.]

The pastor Mr. Krekorian seems to be doing an excellent work, especially among the young people thro the S.S., the Y.P.S. C.E. and the school. He has had a sad and seemingly serious hindrance to his usefulness in the death of his wife this summer.

We were invited to two weddings, one in the family of one of the most aristocratic there. The brother of the bride who had been a pupil in our English class last winter, had gone home for the wedding and thro his courtesy we were given special opportunity to see their strange and ancient customs, being invited with the nearest female relatives to the bath and to the elaborate wedding dinner.

There is a beautiful pine grove on one of the mountain sides facing the city and in this pure, spicy air we spent many happy days. Those five weeks did pass so quickly that altho I could see that I had improved, I had not accomplished half of what I had hoped to learn in Turkish. If I could have staid two months longer I would have been so glad. On our way to the coast we were accompanied by one of the young men of the family where Mrs Newell boarded - a Marsovan student.

We had an easy pleasant trip, tho detained at Samsoon. Our trunks did not reach there in time to take the Friday boat and then the Monday boat made an extra port so we did not arrive in Cons'ple. till the Thurs. before our S.S. opened, but ~~our sweet, unselfish~~ Miss Gleason had come up from the island and had the house almost in readiness. [She is such an efficient reinforcement, being able to use Armenian very easily and knowing considerable Turkish. She has thrown herself into the kindergarten and visiting work and everywhere else that there is need with such zeal that I fear may be too much for her strength.]

Our S.S. opened Sept. 6th with an attendance of 169, the largest number by considerable of any previous first Sunday. Our day-schools began the following Monday and are also encouraging, both in the present attendance and the constant applications. We had to give a larger room to our Greek kindergarten, begun about the middle of last year. The teacher whose mother tongue is Turkish we induced to go with our other Greek teacher to her home in Mitylene for the vacation and the result has been most satisfactory.

The services at the "Rest" have

continued all summer. Dr Green himself began to preach again last Sunday. Mrs Newell had a closet taken out of one corner which not only adds much needed space but also together with the freshly whitened walls makes the room much pleasanter.

We were so thankful to have the lease of this house renewed before vacation that we might feel settled. According to Turkish law we could not insist on our rights to renew the lease on the opposite lot which Gargour Eff. has sold. We found it very convenient to have it for a play ground for our large school last year.

The change of ministry will probably be favorable to our work. All ~~that~~ the ~~long drawn out~~ correspondence of last year will need to be repeated now for these new officials to find out about us.

I suppose you on that side of the ocean are watching with as much interest as we to see whether Turkey will go too far in her game with Russia and get under his great paw. It seems rather serious when such an important treaty as that of Berlin is broken and Russian war vessels allowed to pass the Dardanelles without challenge - the Turkish officer even dismissed because he did his duty and refused to let the first one pass.

I hope this year that we can comply with your very reasonable request that one of us write every month. We drew a breath of relief when we learned that our threatened loss was not to be Oberlin's gain.

Kind regards from us all to yourself and Mrs Smith.

Yours very truly
Anna B. Jones.

This don't sound much like a missionary's letter, but I shall have to leave the proper kind for Mrs. Newell and Miss Gleason; - please accept this as a personal, not an official letter.

Constantinople. Sept. 16. 1891.
Rec'd Oct. 2.

One thing more. - You will perhaps remember that when I offered myself to the board I wished to pay myself part of my salary. - about two hundred dollars I decided when I talked with you in Boston. Mrs Newell advised that I should not do it at least until I should see for myself how things were. When I told you this you said - "Well let your full salary be paid the first year and then you can tell." I find I had very distorted ideas of what is expected of a lady missionary and it does not seem to me now that it was a wise proposal to make. - Especially since the word retrenchment has been such a constant sound I have felt troubled about it. Did the offer of money make any difference in deciding upon my appointment? What property I have is still in such a shape that I can not depend on a definite amount. The debt of which there seemed good hope of collecting at that time now seems farther than ever from my possession. It will be a very necessary thing for me to get away from here every summer I find. With this expense and the heavy assessments on our charities all my surplus can easily be used. By careful economy it is not an impossible thing for me to give the sum mentioned and if it seems like breaking my part of the agreement - I will pay it anyway. Yours, E. D.

Miss Anna B. Jones.
Constantinople.
April 28. 1892.

Dear Dr. Smith;

Rec'd May 28.

Just two years ago last Tuesday, the 26. I sailed out of Boston Harbor and watched the dear home land grow fainter and finally entirely disappear in a mist that provokingly dimmed my eyes. Hard as it was to leave so much that was very sweet and precious to me. I have never for one moment regretted that I came for I have felt that all the experiences however bitter they might be at the time were just what I needed or they would not have been sent to me. Many of the giants that I had nerved myself to meet proved to be pygmies while other trials that I did not anticipate have had to be endured. I am glad that I did not know else possibly my courage would have failed, but I have always found the promise true. "As date. but God has allowed nothin to seriously interfere. The Moslems seem to have been very closely watc Several times when some have begu to come regularly a spy was seen sitting around and the Turks sudden ceased their calls. The result has been that not so many have com as last winter.

I had promised myself that my next letter should be to Dr. Smith when word was received that you were to sail for Turkey in a few day

My disappointment on returning from Athens, to learn that you were not coming at all, was only relieved by the prospect of your coming next year and then bringing Mrs. Smith with you.

Mrs. Newell went to Broosa las Friday for a weeks visit – the fir time since she left the Greek school work there. It will be a pleasant rest to her I am sure.

I have no plans for the summe

thy day so shalt thy strength be."
wonder if any one even the most
arnest can realize how much we
issionaries need your prayers. how
ur human weaknesses still cling
o us and are even brought out in
harper relief by the circumstances
our more or less isolated lives,
how we miss the spiritual uplift-
ng that can be had on every side
t home. You know that the only
ng. service that we have in Stam-
boul is the prayer meeting once
n two months at the Bible House,
nd not always then can I go, for
t comes right in the middle
the afternoon when I have
ny Eng. classes. To be sure I am
radually understanding a little
more of the Turkish services
when it is simple Turkish but
when the speaker uses the high
language with many Persian and
rabic words and long involved
entences it is almost as meaningless
s ever. All ask how I progress

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as yet. but this I am determined upo
that I shall go someplace where
I can devote myself to Turkish.
I have endured the winter so well
this year; have kept off any serious
return of the cough that was so
annoying last year not only to myself
but to all around.
I was bitterly disappointed that my
cousin - Rev Mark Williams of Kalgan
China - did not carry out his original
plan of visiting Cons'ple as he passed
by this way. His traveling companion
wished to make another trip in Palest
instead of coming here. and I think
my cousin could not have realize
what a comfort it would have been
for me to have seen him just as he
was going right to the dear home
friends.
We are looking forward with pleasu
to the coming of our annual meetin
guests next week.
In reading over your letter of las
Oct. I am reminded that you probab
have had no answer to your questio

in learning Turkish. It is a difficult question to answer for I do not know myself. How often I wish I could hear myself as the natives hear me. When I listen to any one who has spent several years in America speaking our language so blunderingly, I think with distress, "O dear, I must speak Turkish just as rediculously and even more so" I wonder if the apostle Paul had had any humiliating experiences in language when he wrote to the Corinthians "We are fools for Christ's sake." When I compare myself with those who work in the interior it is very discouraging, but I comfort myself a little, knowing that my chances are less. I can do so much work thro Eng. that I have little time for study, and then I hear such a medley of languages here.

Altho we have been three, with the coming of Miss Gleason this year, yet we have been as busy as ever.—

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about this lot opposite us. When this property was first leased the large vacant lot across the street was included. Altho the contract read that we were to have the privilege of renewing the lease for two years more "under the same conditions" lawyers said this was not a promise that could be supporte in Turkish law. During the first lease Mr. Gargour sold this afore sai lot. Of course there was nothing wrong in this if he told the purchase about our lease upon it. Mr Gargou said he did; the buyer said he did not. Whatever the truth is the ne owner attempted to build upon i before our original lease had expi This we protested against but vainl until we appealed to law. Keeping the lot a few months longer for m children's playground and freedom from annoyance of building hardl paid, I think, but that we altho a only women will not be imposed

The work has "fully kept pace with the increase of workers. Now we have five teachers in our day school - three Armenian and two Greek and 135 pupils altogether. Our Easter examinations showed very thorough work done for the most part, especially in the Bible lessons where we have urged the most earnest work. Every Monday evening this year after school we have had a prayer meeting with the teachers each leading in turn and giving out before some subject. These, I think, we have all felt were most helpful altho we have had to pray in four languages - Eng. Arm. Greek and Turkish. All of our teachers know some Eng but only one feels enough freedom to pray in it. For three or four months now we have had the dearest little Turkish boy in our Greek kindergarten. We had no hope that we should be allowed to keep him so long. His father has called several times and seems pleased. He said that he is a special friend

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was doubtless a wholesome lesson. Upon the expiration of the lease we took down our gate and gracefull gave possession. They are now makin preperations to build soon. I suppose the beautiful view of the Marmora wil be cut off from my windows and thos of the S.S. room below.

We pay the same rent as formerly.

Mr Gargour is such a dishonorable and crafty man that Mr Peet di not think it wise to make any fus about the loss of the lot.

Thank you very much for your pleasant, encouraging letter. I am sorry it has had to wait so long fo a reply.

Yours most truly

Anna B. Jones.

f the minister of state (I believe it was) and thought he would have no trouble, but," he added, "you know it is a great thing for us Moslems to send a child to a christian school." Everything was very new and strange to the little fellow at first. One day he asked his teacher why she did not smoke. She replied that she was a lady and did not smoke. That could not have been a very satisfactory answer to him, for Turkish women smoke as freely as the men. "Then," he asked, "where is your ferijah?" — the covering of the Turkish women on the street. — He had not been very well lately and when he came back this term he said, his father told him to ask his teacher to pray for him that he might be well. I never have seen such a complete change in a child. He was very badly spoiled and naughty when he first came. As another instance of the complex character of the work here this yr. teacher has among her pupils, beside

is Turkish child, an Armenian child
ith the Armenian language, two
rmenian children knowing only
urkish, a Jewish child, Many Turkish speaking
reeks and the Greek speaking
reeks. The teacher herself is half
rmenian, half Greek, and her
native tongue Turkish. so with
her many languages and sweet tact
in controling the little ones she is
treasure in this department.
These Turkish speaking Greeks and
rmenian families come from the
interior, usually the Caesarea region
here years ago there was the penalty of
utting out the tongue for using any other
anguage than the Turkish.
This term we have a new element in
ur school in three Armenian children
who spent four years in California and
now Eng. better than Arm.. Some of our
lder girls will go to the College for Girls
in Scutari next year. This pursuing
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them come from you would not wonder
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le to a brighter, warmer spot. After
e dispersion into classes Mrs Newell teach-
a class in Eng. while Miss Gleason and
are kept as busy as can be in looking after
he children's classes, seeing that all are
rovided with a teacher, conducting visitors
ftentimes around to see the classes, giving
t Golden Texts, papers, library books &c.
ll of which is made so much harder and
ore complicated ~~and more complicated~~,
oth because our classes must be on four
ifferent floors, and the diversity of tongues.
or instance our library contains four sets
books, Greek, Armenian and Turkish
both the Gr. and Arm. characters. The
rkish in its own or Osmanli letters, and
e Eng. books I did not include because
seldom have occasion to give them out.
s the most difficult to secure regular
tendance among the Gr. children. So many
our brightest ones would disappear just

s we became so interested in them and
pon inquiry - when able to discover their
omes) we would find that the parents
r priests became alarmed lest their
hildren were becoming protestants or
he children themselves had been so
taunted be the name protestant that they
ould endure it no longer.

e are delighted these last few months
to be able to have a teachers meeting. We
ound such an able leader in a young
rmenian who spent several years in Mr.
Moody's Training School. It is real
inspiring to find a business man in this
ountry who from no selfish motive is
eady and earnest to do christian work
in any line that he can. Here again
the difficulty of language makes this
somewhat discouraging for altho all can
speak glibly enough in the market or
in common conversation, some of them have
a limited vocabulary of religious words
n Turkish. Our evening
lasses closed the last of May. The two
venings a week, correcting their exercises

reparation for class and entertaining the oung men socially occasionally take a good deal of time and strength but we eel it a profitable expenditure for besides iving to these in Stamboul where there s nothing, a helpful way to spend their evenings and opening to those who persevere, the storehouse of Eng. literature, many are drawn into the religious ervices. It seemed a pity with the large company present this last Tues. evening, to close our prayer meetings for the season, but the leader thought best. hese long days the men come from their usiness so late that when they have taken their dinners it is very late for a prayer eeting.

I spent the week of Easter vacation in Athens. Two of the teachers at Scutari urgently invited me to go with them nd later a Miss Twichell, who had een visiting her sister in Brousa decided o join the party. It was a pleasure at I had not anticipated but cir-mstances seemed to conspire to make

t possible and it is needless to add
hat I enjoyed it exceedingly. Besides
he magnificent ruins and lovely sea
and sky that are always the charm
f Athens I saw several interesting
ervices. On the evening of Good Friday
rom a balcony on the principal square
looked down on a wierd, strange sight.
he people out in the streets by thousands
ll with lighted candles, marched in
lemn procession to the funereal strains
f the bands or of chanting voices. In
he different divisions which I suppose
me from the different churches, were
rne four, five or possibly six biers - some
ntaining an exposed picture representa-
on of Christ while others were covered.
his was the burial commemoration, and
out midnight Sat. they began to celebrate
rists resurrection with pompous ceremonies
front of the cathedral. The Crown Prince
nstantine and Prince George, attended
all the cavalry and regiments of the
e, came from the palace. All strangers
re courteously given a place on the

platform. We stood very near the Princes-young men of most splendid physique. After the chanting &c. by the priests the bells clanged out and first the priests greeted the Princes with - "Christ is Risen" and then the refrain was taken up by all around. I was disappointed the King and Queen did not come, but I saw King George at the Eng. church Sunday morning. He came in simple citizen's dress and unattended On Friday afternoon we had gone to the Russian chapel where the Queen worships but she sat in an alcove and as all stood I could not even catch a glimpse of her when she came forward to receive flowers from the bier of Christ, but I felt repaid for going by the beautiful singing there.

It also chanced to be full moon while we were there, so that I could visit the Parthenon and other buildings of the Acropolis by moonlight as well as by daylight. One day we went up Mt Pentelicus - two hrs. fr. Athens - and had a most wondrous view of that part of Greece. We ate our lunch, after getting off our horses, on a bluff

verlooking the lovely Bay of Marathon.
short distance of steep climbing on foot
rought us to the summit. Here on our
ft lay the bay and plain of Marathon and
alf the length of Eubœa, before us the
ivid blue line of the sea, skirting the southern
int and on our right down in the plain
side Mt. Hymettus the queerly flattened out
ty of Athens and beyond, toward the north
e memorable Bay of Salamis. The drive
ome in the comfortable barouche past poppy
d daisy carpeted fields, over smooth beau-
ful roads, was indeed a luxury after
e dreadful streets and roads of Turkey.

This letter has progressed slowly
r the nice free evenings that I had
ticipated this week have all had
be spent in helping to entertain callers.
ay 10. I did not intend to send you
this cyclostyle letter when I wrote
t. But since I would wish to tell
ou a good many of these same
things I think you will excuse me
I economize my time by sending
you this instead of a special letter.
he letter to you that I planned to

write in Jan. was entirely crowde
out by work that came so thick
and fast. Following the extra effo
that the native Christmas-tide cal
forth was the preparation for a
recital given by my music pupil
and some musical friends outsid
This and three magic lantern en-
tertainments we were allowed to ha
without any protest from governme
Some violin practice here for the
musicale brought around a police,
demanding what we were doing. The
next day Mr. Peet sent a lawyier who
seemed to have given some kind of a
satisfactory reason to this policema
for we heard nothing more from him
We did wish very much that we
could have some lectures but on
account of the strict laws passed th
winter, that everything should be presen
to government and approved before
delivery, no one had the courage to
venture. We have had several peri
of anxiety - especially when that la
was issued that all places of pub
worship should be closed by a certa

Miss Anna B. Jones.

Talas, Turkey
July 18, 1892

Rev. Judson Smith,
Boston Mass.

Rec'd Aug. 9.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your kind letter of June 4th found me here at Talas, where I arrived the eighth of June, having come with Mr. Fowle when he returned from Annual Meeting. In order to do this I was obliged to leave a month before our work closed at Gedik Pasha. At first it seemed to me that it would be selfish to leave additional burdens on Mrs Newell and Miss Gleason just at the close of the year when they were tired, but finally taking all things into consideration I decided just three days before the party sailed that it was the right thing for me to come.

I had reached a point where I seemed at a standstill in learning Turkish and when Mr. Fowle said he would give me lessons if I came I felt that to be just the help I so much needed now.

I feel almost overwhelmed with the debt of gratitude I owe to all these dear friends. They have all been so very kind and thoughtful. They reluctantly consented that I live with a native family but only on condition that I still take my meals at Dr. Dodd's. The opportunity that it gives me for talking and hearing more Turkish I am sure compensates for the discomforts one is sure to find in the best of native houses.

During the three weeks that Mr. Fowle was in Marsovan Dr Dodd - busy a man as he is, gave me a lesson nearly every day.

Station is famed far and near for its delightful
It would certainly be difficult to find a more

The closing exercises of both the Girls' School here in Talas and of the Boys' High School in Caesarea passed off nicely. How I wish the Girls' building might have another story added for they are so very much crowded for sleeping rooms. Altho Miss Closson has had such a hard year in many ways she is always so cheery, so full of enthusiasm that she is a wonderment to me. Dr. Dodd's new house and dispensary are progressing with astonishing rapidity. Did you know that they talk of inviting the Annual meeting here next summer? If so I think they will be overwhelmed with guests in spite of the distance, for the Caesarea station is famed far and near for its delightful [illegible] since after three or four months we moved one of the teachers up to an intermediate grade. She had to train two entirely inexperienced teachers and a third who knew very little of the methods.

Her many visits in the homes have been most sweet and helpful in their influence I am sure. To one dying bed after another did she bring blessed comfort and hope. This work of visiting she is especially fitted for. On Sundays she had charge during the opening hour of the hardest room of all, that of the Armenian children and during the lesson hour with her fluent use of Armenian she was so helpful in the classes in her suggestive hints to the teachers and could when need be take charge of a class herself. So you see Miss Gleason's share in the work of this last year has been a very important one and

Miss Bates will be here to spend a few weeks of their vacation. and possibly, Dr. Farnsworth thinks, Dr. Pettibone may return this way and come with them. Sometime within a month Mr Jenanian and family will also be here.

But here I am nearly thro with one sheet and have not yet mentioned the subject that most prompted me to reply at a much earlier date than is customary for this delinquent correspondent. I was so surprised and distressed to find that I had spoken of Miss Gleason's share in the work in such a vague way as to leave you in any doubt as to where she was or what she has been doing. Certainly if anyone's work ought to be spoken of in an appreciative way hers should be.— so earnest and [illegible] She has been the main spring

my omission to make this appea
was very unjust in me.

During the earlier part of the Winter she had a very ugly cough that troubled us not a little but the last two or three mont she was quite well and strong. tho of course not very rugged; that you could not expect of one delicately constituted as she is. It was she who took my music pupils—fortunately most of them went out into the country early—who taught my English classes and took up my share of the house work and from the first so unselfishly urg my coming here. Since beginnin this the mail came in, bringing me a letter from Miss Gleason. It wa written the 27th of June. Mrs. Newell was expecting to leave the next wee for Mitilene and she herself was to join a party in Prote. where she was last Summer. I heard

indirectly of your visit to Va. I hope that both you and your

Constantinople. 9
Feb 10. 1893.

Dear Friends — Miss Anna B Jones
of
The Gedik Pasha Mission — Rec'd March 14

Another procession of Christmases and New Years has come and passed. It was not until the afternoon of Jan. 21st that the last Christmas celebration was over. The next week school, and with it the regular work began again and I felt too tired to write all about it then. Last week extra things filled the spare moments so this is my first opportunity to tell you kind, generous friends in America what Christmas joy and brightness you wafted over to this less favored land.

Where to put all the children had been the perplexing question in our thoughts for the tree, for it seemed as if we had crowded them in as closely as possible the year before and now there were still more. Mrs Newell's fertile brain devi the plan of having the children come in three sections on as many days. In this way we would have only about 180 children each day and so coul also invite fifty or sixty of their paren with them.

A box from Mrs. Sykes' society and on from Mrs. Newell's friends in Wolfbor N. H. had come in Nov. With these things and what had been left over from last year we prepared the presen for about half of the pupils. The Sun came for the tickets to be given out fo the tree, but the newly arrived boxe were not yet out of the custom-hous and our hearts almost failed us. We decided however, that we must take the leap in the dark, for defer the tree until the next week, entail the breaking up of our schools aft they had recommenced. Instead of having the entertainments on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and thus having Saturday to get little rested) for Sunday. we did not dare to invite the first company before Thursday. Special effort was made to accommodate us so by Tues. afternoon those splendid N. Hampshire boxes were received.

The teachers in Scutari College had according to their custom kindly presented their pretty Xmas tree which they had already used on the "a la Franca" Christmas. In the Wolfboro box there had come some pop-corn. A friend here made a corn-popper and oh what fun, how homelike it did seem to pop the corn and how beautifully it decorated the tree. We thought each day that the tree looked prettier than the day before. As soon as the guests were fairly out of the house we would begin preparing for the next day, working into the wee small hours of the morning. Then no callers interrupted us. We learn all of our children by name so that we

can select the right-sized stockings
Chrysostomos, the proper jacket for
Vartouhi, the nicely fitting apron for
Eveline and shall know whether
Miltiades needs mittens or toys.
Then the packages must be neatly
tied up and labeled, and his or her
gifts written down; for this record is
often useful to us! Some of the teach
gave us valuable aid in making
over 350 tarlatan candy bags and
filling them. It was such a pleas
to have time this year to watch the
expressions of delight as the children
received their presents. Such supreme
bliss as was depicted in the faces
of some of the little girls to whom
dolls were given I wish I could
have photographed for you. Even
some of the small boys begged
for dolls. One little urchin threw
his bundle away in disgust and
refused to be comforted until I ran
up stairs and brought down to him
a small doll that had gotten ba

broken in its journey. He had come so few times thro the year that I could not in justice give him a good one. Dr. Green very kindly came over the three days and he and several of the native pastors explained the meaning of Christmas and of the kindness of the friends away off in America who had prepared these nice things for them. The children also came and spoke Christmas pieces. I suppose the lady who made those little cotton flannel night-dresses had visions of some little one being made nice and warm at night and this purpose it will serve later, but one of them trimmed with swan's down together with a golden crown made such a pretty costume for a very fair, rosy-cheeked little Greek boy who represented the New Year on the Greek day. Some of the kindergartners sang a song about the little New Year who then mounted a chair and gave a New Year's greeting.

Afterwards he assisted in distrib
ing the presents.

Two policemen, sent by the governm
so they said, - sat through all the
performances. We have heard no
from them since so I suppose that th
could not find anything to which
take exception. How I wish you
could have seen the childrens beami
faces as they sprang to their feet an
raised their hands when the pastor
asked them if they wished to send the
thanks to the kind friends in America
One little fellow anxious to get his
hand higher, mounted the seat.

Many of the teachers also especia
requested me to express for them
their hearty thanks for their beauti
gifts

For thirty or forty years such a lon
cold winter has been unknown
here. The stormy weather preven
some of the children from coming
see the tree - especially on Saturd
Last Sunday sno

had drifted so high and such a sharp wind blew that only 130 were present at the Sunday School.

It seemed very queer for since Oct. we had not had less than 300 in attendance and one Sunday there were 380. It has been encouragin to us to note that this year while the S. S. has been larger from the first, there was not that sudden increase at Christmas. We keep the record and reward so carefully that the children are gradually learning that coming in at the eleventh hour just for the sake of a present, is of little use.

An incident during one of those Xma tree days that amused me very much was the coming of a blind woman who insisted upon coming up to see the tree. When told that we could not receive her that day – that we had given tickets to as many as we had room for she became very angry. She said that we were fine christians to invite her to come an see us and then refuse to receive her. Besides it was very necessary for he to stay with these children whom she had brought in order to ta them home afterward. These same children had been coming alone all thro the year. Poor woman I wish she could have been given eyes to se the tree. Her husband is blind and their one miserable, stunted child leads his father around to b in the streets. Our bible girl goes there to read to them and she ofte give them help in coal, money or clothing. There has been much suffering among the poor people th winter. What you have be able to give such substantial re beside so much happiness, I am sure will make you very and will bring you a rich bl ing.

I am very lovingly yours
in the service of the same Master
Anna B Jones

Miss Anna B. Jones
Constantinople.
Feb. 22. 1893.

Dear Dr. Smith: Rec'd March 14

One month after another has slipped by since I returned to the work in September and yet no letter written to you. Every day so many things are waiting to be done that it is difficult to choose what is most important. As I look back over the days it seems to me that I have not had a chance to decide but was swept along at a dizzying speed with the current of work that each day brings.

I think Mrs. Newell has done better than I, so you have not been left in total ignorance of what has been happening in this little corner of Stamboul. I shall enclose this cyclostyle letter which I wrote to the contributors of the Christmas boxes. It may give you a little peep into our life at that season. Since then after a weeks breathing spell, we have given our extra evenings to entertaining companies. Amon them the young men's Christia Endeavor society. We had pop corn balls and apples for refreshments, and let the boys have the fun of popping the corn themselves. They became so merry over it and sang so lustily that we expected ever minute to have a policeman call at the door to know wh was going on. But neither did he come then nor the next morning. We are looking forward with pleasant anticipations to Mr. Clark's com about the ninth of April.

I presume that Mrs Newell wrote you that we now hold at the same hour in the adjoin room a society meeting for th girls. I hope I shall live to see the day when the two can one. I think it is a real mean of grace to our older Sunday Sch pupils as well as to the teach themselves.

Not even a concert last Friday evening called forth any enquiries from the government. This year the musical entertainment was given entirely by our own pupils. The piano pupils did credit to their efficient teacher, - Miss Newell. When an armenian congratulated us upon having succeeded in so training the children's voices that they had lost all trace of that nasal drawl so characteristic of oriental singing we felt repaid for careful drill in that line too. Now we plan for some magic lantern entertainments accompanied by descriptions and a few lectures. We never feel very certain however that we shall be allowed to carry out our plans in these lines. The coffee house department of our work is still exerting a real helpful influence. The man who attends to it has had a tedious sick-spell, but there has been a man in his place the most of the time. Dr. Green was saying the other day that had advised Rev Michaelides give up his preaching at the Bible House and continue at Pera and Coom Capan. It is too hard for a man of his age to come over here to the Bible House, then back to Pera and then back again here to Coom Ca but he has tried to hold on the three, hoping for reinforcements, Now the outlook from a financial standpoint alone is so discouraging that it seems useless to hope. We have been able find no one to take his Greek class of men in our S. S.

It distresses me that I have not been able to do more visitin among the people. Mrs. Newell has gone out a little more tha usual this winter I think, but the work misses Miss Gleason most of all in this line. Our new bible girl is doing a good work in the homes where she gives readi lessons to the girls who have to work in their homes for their live

I have been to see Miss Gleason three times in Haskuey. She has fixed up a very attractive home and the outlook seems to me very promising.

Miss Newell in a wonderful way has adapted herself to the work. She quickly became so interested in the people and they love her very much. She enters right into every thing and is so efficient. So if she can only be happy here to remain another year, it will be so nice.

I like the new "Vlanga" pastor and his wife very much. and he is well received by all his people I think.

I hope you have found a good associate for Miss Closson. some one much better than myself. I did fall in love with Miss Closson and all the Caesarea station and would I am sure enjoy working with them but it seemed to me there ought to be very decided reasons to make a change wise especially since I love this work so deeply and if I understand myself I am better adapted to this kind of work than to tha

For two months and more I have been unable to take an lessons or devote any time to study except a little that I must do in connection with one of my night classes. I feel very thankful tho for my stud in Caesarea. I can see that I have a good deal more freedo in the use of the language.

The cold, bracing air that w have had this winter has made me feel more vigorous than since I have been in Turkey.

I know the hearts of all yo workers at home must be greatly burdened by the lack of funds, but it surely seems a if people would awake to their privilege and duty.

Please give warmest love to Mrs Smith. I have such pleasant recollections of my visit in your home. Very sincerely

S. Anna B. Jo

Constantinople.
June. 13. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Congregation House. Boston;

Dear Dr. Smith, —

You have already learned that we have lost our cheery companion and effecient helper, Miss Newell. When to her deep regret she found that she must reverse her decision of last February she still hoped that she could remain until July, but finding that Mrs. Barnum's nieces were to take just the route she wished, she left here with them on the last day of May and expects to sail from Liverpool, on the "Cephalonia" June 15th. She had rare tact and adaptability and had won the love of all the native people in a remarkable degree.

Sighing and regretting will not provide for our work next winter. We would urgently add our personal appeal to that one which will come to you through the Annual meeting, for a new missionary lady at Gedik Pasha.

This work has grown too large to be again borne by two. With all the money and interest which the Woman's Board have at stake in this work it would not be wise it seems to us to risk it with the present force. If we could be satisfied not to enter more of the many open doors, the severe and long continued strain of the work in the proportions it has already assumed during the Winter months, is too much we think to ask any force of two to endure.

Besides this the thorough efficiancy of the teaching in the Armenian departments, the sympathy and interest of some of the native people require an Armenian speaking American. You know that the large proportion of those whom we have been given to influence are Armenians. yet neither Mrs. Newell nor I know it at all.

It is very important that the young lady for whom, we trust you will at once be in quest should at least be enough of a musician to play hymns - and the more music she has the better.

We realize that this work is yours more than ours and that you need no urging to enforce it as speedily and well as possible.

Every one spoke of the annual meeting as small this year. Some of those who were "left to abide by the stuff" in Marsovan and Cesarea felt very anxious when they sent off their delegates. We prayerfully trust that all may be returned to them without harm or alarm.

Very sincerely yours
Anna B. Jones.

P.S. I have read this letter to Mrs. Newell and she says that she approves of all I have written and will also write in a few days.

Constantinople June 13. 1873.

Rec'd July 3.

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Constantinople,
July 25. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.
Dear Dr. Smith—

I received your letter of July 5th. last Friday at Hasskuey where I was visiting Miss Gleason. Saturday I went over to Gedik Pasha to show Mrs. Newell the letter and talk over its subject with her. What you say of the lady is favorable, but the information is so meagre that we could form no decided opinion. However as Mrs. Newell says, if you had given a very definite description we should ~~we~~ should after all know very little of the real character or disposition and should in the end be obliged to leave it to the good judgement of yourself and the ladies. So we agreed, without delaying for farther questioning, to leave the decision entirely with you and the ladies of the Rooms, with this one proviso—that she understand music well enough to at least play hymns. I shall feel disappointed if she is not decidedly musical. Still if necessary I

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must do the best I can with that department. I have not spoken to any of the gentlemen of the station about the contents of your letter Mr. Peet the only one of the missionaries at present remaining in Constantinople is already far too overburdened. Dr. Green and Mr. Barnum have gone to Bardezag to give lectures in Mr. Chamber's summer school. The tired face of Mr. Peet has haunted me ever since I saw him last Friday and I feel as if it were almost selfish for us to be begging for an assistant when the gentleman are so overworked. The P. O. department and the endless number of little details left for Mr. Peet are quite enough to keep one person busy. The extra tension and work caused by the imprisonment and subsequent condemnation of so many evidently innocent men has added greatly to the burden of the men here as well as to those at the centres of the troubles.

Miss Gleason and I came down to Halki yesterday, with a plan of staying a month. The place is in itself beautiful but hotel life, especially in this country has its serious objections.

Mrs Newell is still at Gedik Pasha. I hope she will try to go to Mitylene if only for a few weeks. Mrs. Crawford and the children and probably by this time Mr. Crawford also are there. Mrs Newell says that she is resting at home but I think it is impossible to have complete rest while remaining among familiar surrounding for which one feels a responsibility

Miss Gleason joins me in kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Smith

Very sincerely

Anna B. Jones.

When you write again please tell us the name and residence of this lady of whom you have written.

Constantinople July 25-1893

Rec'd Aug. 10

Constantinople. Feb. 7. 1894.

Dear Dr. Smith -

I am goaded now on this side, now on that by reproofs - no less by myself than by others - for neglect of duty. Much of the time I have felt as tho swept on by an overwhelming tide with no choice as to what work I shall do. Yet, I know that after all the apologies I may try to take refuge in the greatest trouble lies in my lack of power to concentrate my mind and time on the most important things. Mrs. Newell has that power of driving ahead at the main things, and yet who is to pick up the odds and ends, who is to do these hundreds of little things each of which in itself seems so insignificant. Once or twice during the Fall I felt like sitting down and writing a real scolding letter for I did feel so vexed about the way the matter of repairing this house was being managed. Then I would think - "Well scolding will do no good, Poor overburdened Mr. Peet is trying to do the best he can, and the prolonged promises of tomorrow and next week in true Turkish fashion would cause me to mentally add - "I'll wait until I can tell better news" Do you know that it was the first of Dec. before the outside plastering was done and the windows of the 4th story put back. - and then by us - not by Mr. Gargour.

The God who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" kept back any very beating rains until after that, but you, who know the construction of the house, can appreciate how the draughts swept down especially into the 3rd story hall on the garden-side, which we have to use for a music-room. The work that those miserable workmen of Gargour Effendi, that kept Mrs. Hewell stirred up all summer, was worse than useless. The cheap improper plastering which they put around the edge of the flat roof when they tore off the tin border is already cracking badly; the tiled portion of the roof is leaking much worse than it did before; and the two chimneys on this side that we had gotten in good order have given us much trouble by smoking again. But there - I am writing a scolding letter after all when I ought to be thankful that we are so comfortably housed as we are instead of borrowing trouble.

On the eighteenth of Dec. we began working at the preperation of the Christmas gifts, giving every spare moment to it that we could.
Then the first of Jan. came the week of prayer and over lapping that the entertainment of guests. In the midst of this came the news to me of Mrs. Newell's resignation.
The next week brought the three Christmas trees for the S. S. children.
Feeling that I could work the better for a little rest and change I went up to Haskeuy two weeks from this evening to spend the night with dear Mrs Parsons and Miss Gleason whom I had scarcely seen for two months. Together the next morning Miss Gleason and I went to see Mrs. Green.

We were shocked to find her so much worse than we had expected. While Dr. Green went to the Bible House to attend to some important business, we staid with her. That afternoon she wanted us to sing for her. "Home of the Soul" and Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun," I had to return that evening for night school but seeing that Dr. Green was so worn with the watching I offered to return for Friday night. Little did I dream, especially when I found her seemingly so much better on Friday evening, that I had gone to see her die. I loved the sweet, unselfish little mother so tenderly - as we all did, and it was almost like seeing my own mother die again - coming as it did on the anniversary of my dear little mother's last painful dying days.

You can understand that it gave me a shock from which I find it difficult to recover. Poor Dr. Green is indeed left desolate. His life with that of his wife was peculiarly closely intertwined. He is so dependent on the comforts of home with which she so lovingly surrounded him that we can think of no way in which he can be saved to the work unless his son from Van can be transferred here.

It is a strange Providence indeed that has taken her from us. Besides her own gentle, untiring ministrations of love to every one she made possible so much of her husband's important work. Her perfect trust in her Heavenly Father's wisdom and perfect submission to His will made her death-bed the very gate of Heaven.

The loss of Mrs. Newell to this work is a serious matter. She has many qualities of adaptation to this work which it will be difficult to find in another.

The foremost suggestion that I would make and very urgently, is that some one with language and experience must be procurred for this place. There is too much money invested here, too many important interests centering here for it to be committed to inexperienced and inefficient hands. When I told

Miss Gleason the situation she said, "Mrs. Seeley with her Turkish language is just the one for there, but oh, I can't give her up." Nor do I see how she can unless some very capable person could be at once found to fill the place. Miss Gleason is very frail and will surely break down if left without a strong arm to lean upon.

I think Mrs. Parsons would be completely broken hearted to be detained from Bardezag any longer.

Miss Bush and Miss Powers are the only two here that I can think of that ~~that~~ there might be any possibility of removing from their own work.

The comparative value of Miss Bush's work at Harpoot and here I am not in a position to judge and whether she could for a moment think of leaving Harpoot permanently I do not know. I feel too, that important as Armenian is here, Turkish is of the first importance. I do not know it at all well yet, and fear that I never shall. As for language Miss Powers with both Turkish and Armenian at her easy command, would be splendid, but I know nothing as to her executive ability. Whether she has physical strength for the severe work I do not know. I felt when I heard of her being called to the Scutari College that there she would find her exact niche - adapted as she is to special and thorough research in certain lines.

I know that to you who see the field as a whole and are receiving so many earnest entreaties for help from all sides, it must be difficult to decide where the need is greatest. It does seem to me however that we must have three here. I know of no one among my friends whom I could suggest. I made several unsuccessful appeals when Miss Gleason was so troubled about an associate. One lovely girl for whose graduation and one year's experience in teaching I had patiently waited had just sealed her fate before my letter reached her. I gave your letter to Mrs. Newell to read but she says that she can not suggest any one. You see, in this as in a number of other ways I am placed at quite a disadvantage because my acquaintance is almost entirely among Presbyterians. Since a delightful circle of ladies in Hinsdale (near Chicago) adopted me I no longer feel like a missionary orphan. I am so happy and so cheered by their beautiful letters, for they seem to be growing very much interested in this work.

A long while ago you asked about our Bible women's work, and I think I forgot to speak of them in my last letter. We often feel very much discouraged about that department of our work. Mrs Georgian has been ill a great deal this past year. Household cares too, so often engross her time. While she is a person of a good deal of strength of christian character and influence she does not devote the number of hours to it that she ought. Mrs. Newell often has felt that she could not in justice pay her the full wages. Makruhi Hanum I think does the best she can according to her ability which is not of a very high order.

The girl that we had last year and who we felt did a good work in teaching to read poor working girls in their homes, took a severe cold which developed into consumption. We all thought her days numbered last summer but she rallied and is now quite comfortable tho the doctor says that her case is hopeless. She is kindly cared for in the Quaker hospital here.

It is so difficult to find those who will do such work from a love to their fellow men and not just for the money that is in it. We have a plan now of trying several in a temporary way to see what material is in them. Those who are the most persistently seeking the position have not the right motive, we fear.

Our day schools are full. (membership of 160) and prosperous

Our evening school altho it has had a membership of over sixty has not to me, at least seemed so satisfactory as last year. For one thing our position with the government in securing a permit for these repairs, was in so delicate a form that we did not dare begin the school until the first of Nov. when the permit was practically settled. Then the universal prevalence of influenza has made the attendance unusually irregular. We have Baron Stephan and a former student of Robert College to help us. Very pleasant things about our evening school occasionally appear in the Armenian papers.

This year the committee of the Vlanga church decided irrevocably and without any conference with us that they would hold all the meetings during the week of prayer in their own chapel.

Mrs. Newell and I did not at all agree as to what course we should pursue under the circumstances. She felt that it would be sacrificing a principal - just what, I think I do not clearly understand - to give up our prayer meetings for that week.

While I felt so very sorry that they were, as it seemed to me, very blind not to see that meetings held alternately here and there were for the highest interests of our Master's kingdom and while I was sure, as it proved, that our evening school boys except the few protestants could not be induced to go over there altho of course we suspended the classes, yet the ill feelings among protestants aroused by what would appear rival meetings would in my humble opinion more than counter balance any good accomplished. Dr. Green felt this very strongly and Mrs. Newell finally yielded. On Thurs. and Fri. evenings at the request of the Greeks we opened our house for prayer meetings in Greek and Turkish. (Many of the Greeks on this side are Turkish speaking) To my great grief Bodvelli Bedikian persists in believing that these meetings were held from an ill motive to them, altho it has been explained to them that these meetings were planned before it was known that some of the Vlanga meetings would not be held here as formerly.

The removal of the Vlanga congregation to this quarter and the disappointed hopes of of a new church building make the relation of this work to that a very perplexing matter. I can not see a solution of some of the questions. Bodvelli Bedikian has never so much as once visited the Sunday School. I do wish there was some way of making him feel interested and responsible.

They have a S.S. down at the Quaker mission now, so this also brings some new problems into our S.S. work. The English young lady at the head tries to be as careful as possible to get another set of children into her school, excepting the Friend's children.

You probably know that an evangelist Mr Demetracopolos of Smyrna has been called here. He was promised that by the first of the year, if every thing was satisfactory, his salary would be raised from £7 so that he could send for his family. Some of the missionaries felt so troubled and discouraged over the "cut down" that they did not see how they could possibly meet their agreement. Circumstances were such that Mr. Demetracopolos felt that if he could not send for his wife immediately he must go to her. At this crisis the Greek Alliance came nobly to the rescue. They pledged £15 for the year if his salary would be raised to £10 per mo. Cheered by this additional evidence of the generosity of the Greeks. the committee voted the salary and family's traveling expenses His wife and two little children have safely arrived. I wish we could have had a well educated minister on this side. but this man seems to be earnest and spiritual so I hope he may do a good work.

Mrs. Newell has had an attack of influenza but she was prudent, so it did not assume a serious form, I am thankful to say.

I see that I have written to you in a very candid and free way. Please do not give an unnecessary publicity to the letter. I should like to be lovingly remembered to Mrs. Smith and with kindest regards to yourself I am sincerely

Anna B. Jones.

Miss Anna B. Jones.

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Miss Anna B. Jones.

Broussa. Apr. 28. 94

Dear Dr. Smith: Rec'd May 22.

We are very happy in the prospect of the coming of Miss Barker. I do hope and pray that she may be just the right person in the right place. She certainly will find enough waiting work but I can not think of her as Mrs. Newell's successor. No matter how efficient she may prove the work would be embarrassed and crippled in more ways than you in the home land can perhaps imagine, were it to be left in the hands of two unmarried ladies, no older than myself. To be sure Miss Zimmer is alone but the sphere of her efforts is quite different from ours. What we try to do for the young men of all nationalities in the way of night schools nd entertaining them socially s to me not only one of the most pleasant, but seemingly one of the most important parts of our work. You know that the thoughts and customs of the people in Stamboul are far from those of the United States. The missionaries and Mrs. Newell herself fully realize also that the coming of Miss Parker does not open the way for Mrs Newell to leave. A week or two ago the "committee ad-interim" passed resolutions appreciative of Mrs. Newell's services and requesting her to remain until some one can be secured to take her place. She has consented to remain until the end of another school year with the understanding that she be gone five or six weeks next spring for a trip to Egypt and the "Holy Land".

May I trouble you to send this brief letter to

The matter will be discussed at annual meeting but I do not as yet see any satisfactory solution to the problem. of finding a suitable successor.

Yesterday I came down to Broussa with Miss Sheldon. After Mrs. Newell found that she must give up her extended trip she did not care to go any place else and kindly insisted that I go to Broussa for the Easter vacation. I shall return next Thursday. Mr. Crawford's charming home has been so hospitably thrown open to such a large party of American friends that it seems almost like having a little visit to the home land. The place is in itself so lovely. I wonder if you came here when in Turkey.

May I trouble you to send this brief letter to

Miss Parker? I do not know her address but want to send her just a word of greeting.

Yours most truly

Anna P. Jones

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Constantinople. Turkey.
Dec. 1. 1894.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
No 1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

As I returned from Europe this summer I chanced to fall in with the parties of Dr. Reynolds and Mr. Coan, one of which companies (I have now forgotten which) had just met you in Switzerland. I wished very much that it might have been my happy fortune also to have seen you both there. I trust that you are decidedly better by this time. Perhaps that you, like myself, may feel the benefit of the change more now than at the time of the visit.

I am sure that it must seem to you that we are very negligent about writing, but if you could see in what a whirl of work we constantly are, your criticism would be gentle.

We expected that the exodus from the city and the stagnation of business which followed the earthquake would greatly lessen the number of pupils in day and night school.

However since we had given up our guest-room, engaged a fourth teacher and made all our plans to enlarge the Armenian department it seemed best to proceed tho we then concidered it a very unfortunate arrangement. Every seat of the new room is full now and we are wondering what we shall do with the next applicants. The Greek department too has increased very encouragingly, (sixty-one of our one hundred and eighty-seven pupils are Greeks.) We have not however reached the point in the Greek schools as we have in the Armenian, to refuse pupils who can not pay the full tuition, i.e. one medjeyeh a month. To our surprise our night school also is unusually large, there being about eighty who have paid tuition for the first three months. To successfully handle a class of twenty-five men requires a good deal of nervous strength, so while it is interesting it is tiresome work _ coming as it does after busy days. There are six Greeks in the beginning class, scholarly young men, two of them teachers. Mr. Demetracopolis kindly comes in one evening a week to give special help to these. We feel pleased with the disposition which both Mr. and Mrs. Demetracopolis show in trying to make themselves useful. They open their own home for meetings and have an independence and zeal for the work that is refreshing.

Miss Barker is persevering faithfully in the study of Turkish but often her interruptions are many. We have such a large number of callers and quite frequently of such varied character and nationality that it requires all three of us to entertain them. Much of Mrs. Newell's time is devoted to relieving some of the earthquake sufferers. There were thirty or forty families almost at our very door who were without shelter from the rain and in a most pitiful condition. The missionaries gave Mrs. Newell some of the relief money in their hands and the British Consulate sent her £15. so she has been able to furnish them with boards to construct the meanest kind of huts and lay in a small supply of coal. Baghdasar, our cook, has rendered very efficient and willing service in helping to make a wise and economical distribution. This aiding of the poor brings such a stream of pleading needy callers in addition to the usual ones. We could scarcely find time to eat our dinners this last week. Then too the difficulty of obtaining workmen this winter for carpentry work, putting up stoves &c has made the work go harder than usual.

The government issued an order in the Fall that Osmanli must be taught in all schools having a government permit. We had no appropriation for an extra teacher so Mrs. Newell. so far has

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given the Turkish lessons, three times a week. Miss Parker has two of the English classes and over-sees the drawing. The music lessons and other English lessons take up the greater part of my time. We find a little time for making calls, but not as much as we ought. The more efficient one of our two Bible women is not at all well and we do not feel at all satisfied with the work done in this line.

Dr. Herrick as I presume you know preaches at our coffee-house now. It is very hard for him to get back to his home away up the Bosphorus these short days altho the Turkish service now precedes the Greek. For this reason perhaps the audience is somewhat smaller than usual at this season. Dr. Greene is sadly missed; no one of the missionaries has any time to devote to the people individually.

The breaking up of that home throws the duty of entertaining more heavily on us. The McCallums were with us a few weeks and also Miss Nason. We think the Cesarea station is to have a real treasure in Miss Nason. I quite coveted her for this work. Her experience in city mission work would so well fit her beside her own natural qualifications. I am sorry to say that Mrs. Newell does not seem to relinquish her plan of returning to America as soon as she can be released. I think we three make quite a happy combination. I hope that it will not be impossible for her to get off after a few months for a visit to Egypt. She needs the rest. Last vacation was a terrible summer for all in Stamboul.

The Vlanga community have asked for the use of our house for their Sunday morning service for six weeks. To day (Monday) Mrs. Newell has brought the matter before the "committee at interim" and most of them were of the opinion that if we felt that we could undertake the additional care it would be a good thing to do under the present stress. The faint hope that it may prove a conciliatory measure and so do something toward welding the work together makes me feel that it is worth the sacrifice.

The government gives us no annoyance whatever so far this year. While all social gatherings, weddings even, are strictly forbidden among the christians, our night school young men regularly assemble twice a week without protest.

It is now Wednesday evening that I am finishing this letter. Miss Barker received your letter today. I think perhaps I have given you a little glimpse of our busy life so that you can see how difficult letter writing is.

Very sincerely yours
Anna B. Jones.

Cons'ple Dec. 1. 1894.

Rec'd Dec. 22.

Constantinople,
April 26. 1895

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
No 1 Somerset St. Boston,

Dear Dr. Smith,

I feel very guilty and penitent that I have so long delayed answering your kind letter of Dec. 28. Yet every day I used up the limit of my time and strength with what seemed very necessary work. Mrs Newell has however doubtless informed you of her plans and so you know that for the present we are relieved from the difficult task of finding some one to fill her place. She hoped to be off for America immediately after examinations, – the first week in April but the steamer for Liverpool has been waiting in this port for orders from head-quarters more than two weeks: then too she has found so many last things to do that she would not have been ready

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much earlier. They promise now to sail tomorrow.

Miss Barker has not acquired enough Turkish yet to communicate with those who call but I have secured a good teacher for my piano pupils and so I think we shall be able to manage.

A very interesting young man who has been taking lessons of Mrs. Newell in the evenings now must discontinue his lessons. We regret this very much - especially the Sunday evening bible lesson. I speak of this to show you how indispensable a married or elderly woman is in some departments of our work.

I have a little hope that Mrs. Newell may be induced to remain another year after this one that she has promised in order that I may have a visit to the home land. It will be just five years next Monday since I left Boston.

While we have many bright, encouraging things in the work of the year drawing towards its close there are some that are very disheartening to me. When we consented to receive in our house for "three months" the protestant community for its morning service we did hope that this might be a way of binding our work together, but the result has not been at all satisfactory. Altho we have acceded to every demand that seemed reasonable and right, they have not appeared grateful and instead of more protestants remaining to the Sunday-school less have come than ever before.

We thought that with this lever of their obligation to this work we would make one more desperate effort to have the pastor take a class in S.S. He seemed to think favorably of the matter when we suggested it, but after considering and consulting for over a week he concluded he was too worn out after his sermon even after the hour and a half intermission to teach a class and then he did not think enough would come to pay for the effort. The time was not convenient for his congregation. The difficulties in the way of our changing the hour seem insurmountable. Podvelli Bedekian has visited the S.S. only once and that this winter when we especially urged his coming that very day. He is said to be a good preacher and he draws large audiences. These rooms are filled almost to their utmost capacity every Sabbath morning. But they do not seem to us to be developing at all as a working church. Ready to receive every thing they can get but not ready to give out or make any sacrifices. As you said in your letter of a year ago "these two interests should be regarded as essentially one; certainly as cooperating to a common end and sympathy and cooperation on both sides seems but the natural relation"

We have granted them the greatest favor now within our power and as this has so signally failed to bring about better union and sympathy there seems to be no further hope and it almost breaks my heart.

Monday P.M. Mrs Newell found very comfortable accommodations on the Nepthe last Saturday evening and I hope that her long ocean voyage will give her the rest which she so much needs and which she will not get while on her short visit in the U.S.

I think in the preceding pages I have given you only the discouraging side of our work. On the other side are many things that make us feel that our work is not in vain here. The effort to help the poor has brought us into better knowledge and sympathy with the Gregorian churches as they have seen how Mrs. Newell has tried to supplement their work of relief.

The government has let us alone

completely this year with the one exception that they objected to our having Turkish women come to our monthly woman's prayer-meeting, - there having been present over twenty the two last times.

For the schoolwork we hear many appreciative remarks and applications to enter children continue to come even this late in the year.

It has been a cause of great regret to us that this winter when the giving of physical relief opened so many avenues of giving spiritual aid there were no workers scarcely to do this. Our most capable Bible woman has been too ill with malaria to work with any regularity. The other one who at her best is not a very strong character had a long illness. Our bible girl who was a very earnest christian if not one of great ability, died last year - a beautiful triumphant death. We have not yet succeeded in finding any one to fill these places. O. when will these bright, educated girls have the consecration to break away from these shakles of custom and give themselves to this blessed work?

Our annual meeting guests will be arriving in less than two weeks now. In planning for the work of another year we all wish we could know what the year will bring forth.
How strange it seems to us that God should see fit to remove such a worker as Mr. Ward from that very department of the board which is now in such a critical condition.

We have been so sorry to hear of your wife's illness and do sincerely hope that she has by this time greatly improved. Please give her my love if she remembers me among the many whom she so hospitably and pleasantly entertains at your home.

Very sincerely yours
Anna B. Jones.

P. S.

I have not given you any statistics in this letter because you will get these I think from the yearly report and tabular review which Mrs. Newell sent respectively to Mr. Chambers and Mr. Barnum.

A. B. J.

Constantinople, April 26 - 1895

Rec'd May 16

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Dear Dr. Smith:

The days are flying relentlessly by and our delightful vacation in this haven of rest is almost over. Next Monday Miss Barker and I must go up to Gedik Pasha to begin cleaning and preparing the house for the work which opens the first day of September.

You probably will have been informed of the fact thro the minutes of the meeting of the Com. at ~~Interim~~ that Mrs. Marden has accepted the invitation extended to her by the meeting in June to come to the work in Gedik

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Pasha. but that on account of Miss Blakely's absence she will not be able to leave before the last of '95 or beginni of '96. Since Mrs. Newe had promised to return for this year the immediate ne of our work was not so urg but when Mrs. Mardin wrote that on account of malaria from which she was sufferi she would be obliged to leave Marash this year it seemed an opportunity to fill Mrs. Newell's place which we could not afford to allow to pass. Before going to America Mrs. Newell asked permission of the committee to visit Egypt and Palestin in the Spring of '96. If she carries out that plan our force of workers will be none too large. for while our night work continues especially I do not know how two could manage. My strength almost failed me last Spring, late as Mrs Newell was in starting for America. Miss Barker found an excellent teacher in an Armenian gentleman who was here at the summer school and who remained several weeks after its close. She has studied faithfully this vacation but will still feel quite helpless in receiving callers.

We have decided that we can manage thro the month of Sept. and have written to Mrs. Newell that she need not feel that she must leave Boston before the 7th

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You know our evening work does not begin before October. We expect to have no change of teachers in our day schools unless possibly those for Osmanli and music. They are not yet engaged.

I feel as if Mrs. Newell has been doing excellent missionary work this summer.

We were becoming quite disheartened over the prospe of the political state of the country, but the speeches of Mr. Gladstone, the Queen, Lords Salisbury and Rosberry have renewed our hope that the English government a not proposing to so selfishly and ignominiously drop the Armenian question after al I have had strong hopes tha the reforms in government would indirectly bring greater religious freedom to the Moslems. I had strong faith when our presid. went to America that by the time he was ready to help his people, a door would be opened to him.

Circumstances now seem to point toward the breaking down of the prejudice of the Gregorians towards protestantism and missionaries. If nothing occurs to bring a revulsion of feeling great progress must surely be seen during the next few years in evangelistic ideas and practice among the Armenians. Last Sunday the Armenian Patriarch came down to this island to rededicate a church, demolished last year by the earthquake.

Fourteen of our company attende the services, and the Armenians were greatly gratified and some of the leading men insisted upon presenting Mr. Peet and Mr. Chambers to the Patriarch. Later in the day he sent his card and a friendly message to these gentlemen and a leadin Armenian Protestant said tha in a private interview which he had with the Patriarch he spoke in very appreciative terms of the work of the missionaries.

We have very much enjoye the privileges of our Sabbaths here, having had a good serm in English besides responsive singing and reading and a Bible lesson. It is the first time since coming to

Turkey that I have had any home like Sundays.

I wonder if you know just who compose our congenial circle here. In this house are the Peet household, including Mr. Heizer. The Misses Cull. Gleason. Barker and myself. Miss Cole of Monastir was here a month and it was a cause of great regret that she felt that she must return for their annual meeting just as she was beginning to be able to sleep better and feel the benefit of the change. Our saintly Mrs. Bliss has been spending a few days with us. This afternoon we drew her on to tell us stories of the experiences of the early missionaries. It makes us feel that our sacrifice in leaving our

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loved land and friends is as
nothing, so great were the
privations and sufferings.

But I was about to tell you
of the rest of our company.
In a house but a few rod
from this are the Chambers
family, Mrs Seelye, and Pau
and the Messrs. Powers. Sheldon
and Hyde.

We are right down on the
shore so that if we wish we
can go out even before break-
fast for a dip in the sea.

Yesterday we had a delightfu
picnic on the top of Antigone -
an adjoining island from w
the view is charming.

O yes, another pleasure has bee
three or four lectures, not expresse
written for this company but
new to the most of us and a
great treat.

16 Mrs. Anna B. Jones
Const'ple Aug. 22, 1895.

This is not a State letter
but just a little friendly
letter for yourself and Mrs
Smith.

Miss Barker says that she
will write two or three
weeks after the opening of school.

Do you not think that
Dr. Greene and his new wife
ought to live in Gedik Pasha?
We have lived there isolated
so long that I think we
deserve some companions.
He could still carry on the
most of his work in Pera and
the people of Stamboul are
much more susceptible of good
influence it seems to me.

Miss Barker joins me in
grateful remembrance to
yourself and wife.

Sincerely
Anna B Jones

Miss Anna B. Jones,
Cons'ple, Aug. 22, 1895.
Rec'd Sept. 5.

Constantinople.
Nov. 19. 1895.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I think you may like to hear again from our little corner during these anxious times. Altho politically every thing is boiling and seething and our hearts are saddened and our indignation fired every day by the horrible news from one point after another in the interior, we quietly pursue our work. It is a blessing to have our thoughts thus more or less absorbed in the details around us since we are powerless to do anything to help.

Nearly all of our pupils have returned and many new ones entered this month so our School now numbers 165.
Just after the reign of terror here was passing away and the children were beginning to return so that we could take up the lessons in any systematic way our head Greek teacher, Miss Cleoniki, was stricken down with typhoid fever. She is a Mitylene girl and so being

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away from her home, for two weeks we not only had the care of her nights and days - in part - but also had to preside in her school room to assist a very inefficient teacher. Then the mother came and we succeeded in finding a more competent teacher. Now Miss Cleoniki has passed the crisis and we are relieved from our intense anxiety for her.

Miss Saunders as you probably know is now making her home with the ladies in Hasskeuy where she has begun a training class. Before going there she spent a few days with us and now she is coming on Saturdays to give lectures to our teachers. She is a thorough mistress of her department and her talks are brimful of helpful things not to the kindergartners alone but also to the other teachers.

Until today we have been feeling quite anxious about Mrs. Marden. She wrote that she would leave Alexandretta on the 29th of Oct. She did not arrive at the proper time and we could receive no word from her altho Mr. Peet telegraphed to several places. Today we learn thro Mr. Peet that she was detained at Beirut because a storm arose which made it impossible for her to reembark on the same steamer. Her letter was ten days reaching here. Now we expect her tomorrow or Thursday. I suppose that Mr. and Mrs. Larkin have lodged in Beirut. I should not think there was any prospect of Miss Clark being able to reach Cesarea at present. You probably know that no passports for the Interior are granted by the Turkish government now.

Mrs. Greene has won all of our hearts. We ladies pleaded very hard for them to live in Stamboul but were overruled by the majority who voted for Pera. We do feel that we ought to have a missionary family in Stamboul but Mrs. Greene is grandly fitted for effecient work in Pera.

Last week our opposite neighbor who was an Armenian spy, died. About two months previously he was shot by an Armenian. The oriental wailing of the family for two nights after his death

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and his own groaning and chanting of his virtues and wrongs before his death were harrowing to our nerves. It is well that Mrs. Atwell breathed American air this summer and that Miss Barker and I had the tonic of Proti. I had felt so troubled when this spy moved into the opposite house last spring and kept a constant watch upon our doors and windows but the Lord cares for his work. It was rather surprising to us that a young man of the dominant race who had come in fear and trembling once at night to say that he could not continue his lessons came in the day time shortly after this death in spite of soldiers' eyes in view of both doors. We hear good news from our friend in Oberlin.

Our night school and the evening prayer-meeting we have not been able to begin since Armenians, especially dare not venture out after dark.

The little protestant "shanty" still stands – almost a miracle – and the weather has been fine so that they

could continue their Sunday services.
I have been wondering whether it could be our duty to invite them to come here again. We did not feel at all pleased with the experiment last winter.

Can it be that America will after this insult and loss at Harpoot, still fold her arms and say "It is not our policy to interfere with other governments" or expend her energy in mere talk? We anxiously await to know Judge Terrell's instructions.
I suppose that a certain class of Armenians are jubilant over this news. I went in to see a young lady neighbor one evening and her brother was like a caged lion, even dared to express in words to me the wish that our heads be not entirely severed but that we get hurt so that we as foreigners might be aroused. The Armenians are very indignant over the report that our Minister said to the chief of police after visiting us the week of the riot "Do what you please to the Armenians but do not dare to touch a hair of the Americans" I fear that he did say something very like that.

When you said in your address at Brooklyn that "the condition of the missionary work in Turkey was never more bright, the outlook never more hopeful;" it was from Faith's stand point that you spoke, was it not? I see however that the meeting was cheered by the telegram that Reforms were to be adopted. We here who could know the truth more perfectly never felt more discouraged than at this miserable compromise by the "three powers."

It must come thro suffering but oh that the Lord would sweep away the power of mohammedism from this land!

Kindest regards from us all.

Yours truly

Anna B. Jones.

P.S. I am very much obliged to whomever I am indebted for the interesting report of the Annual Meeting.

Miss Anna B. Jones,
Constantinople, Nov. 19, 1895.
Rec'd Dec. 9.

Miss Anna B. Jones
Constantinople.
Jan. 31. 1896
Rec'd Feb. 29

Dear Friends of
The Gedik Pasha S.S.,

In spite of the gloom that rests over this city we had our Christmas tree as usual. It seemed to us that if ever the poor christians needed something bright and cheery they do now, and as so many of your gifts were of a practical kind we knew they would be very acceptable. All business is stagnating and increasing poverty if not death is the fate of all these Armenians and later of these other nations unless something arises to relieve this state of affairs. After the massacres of the first of Oct., the reign of terror gradually subsided untill the foreign guard ships, finally obtaining permission, began to pass in. Then the people all held their breath in dread. On that 12" of Dec when the last of the guard ships entered, the al lost laughable panic of which you have doubtless read; relieved the tension. These guard-ships, the largest the Sultan would allow, are insignificant and in time of a real contest would prove quite inadequate; yet they are looked upon with more or less fear by the Turkish people and are certainly a real protection as well as a comfort to the Armenians. In fifteen days Ramazan - the great fast of the Turks, begins. We dread that time, especially the 29th of Feb. when the king will come over to this side to make his yearly visit to St Sophia and the little mosque in the Seralio enclosure where the Prophet's coat is opened to his view.

How fortunate it was that all your boxes came early for things seem to move unusually slowly now. Only yesterday did we receive some supplies for the school which were shipped in Nov.

On Wednesday - Jan 8 - we had a

ompany of about 150 or 160 Greeks, nearly
hundred of them being our S. S. children
nd the others parents and friends.
We had had a Christmas exercise
translated and the children rendered
this quite nicely. Short talks were
given both in Greek and Turkish
The children were told of the ingenious
ways by which the dear girls of the
Plaistow and Haverhill mission bands
collected money to buy their materials.
I wish we might have more of such
letters that our children may be able
to better appreciate the efforts that
these gifts cost. The card from Mrs.
Electra Steele of Springfield Vt, 80
years of age, who made a comfort
bag, was translated and they were
much pleased at the suggestion that
Electra is a Greek name. How much
I wish that she herself might have
had a peep at that bright-eyed
happy looking company, whom
her warm heart had helped to
gladden. One of the pleasantest

features of the Christmas days this year was the bringing of oranges or money by the children for the Greek and Armenian Orphanages. Some of the little tots were rather loath to drop their oranges in the basket and it required some coaxing on the part of the older sisters to make them give them up. I think the children learned some of the blessedness and joy of giving as well as of receiving.

On Friday and Saturday there was almost a repetition of all this for the Armenian children and parents. On Friday two Turkish young men who are taking lessons from Mrs. Marden came bringing four very much ornamented presents for the children and asked if they might be allowed to come up and see the entertainment. Altho unfortunately that day every thing was in Armenian they watched it all thro with keen interest and thought it very nice. Do not think all Turks bad. It is this wretched government and this false religion that makes them such barbarous savages.

There were five children who have not missed a single Sunday this year. At the S. S concert the following Sunday they were given words of commendation and a daily verse book by the Superintendent, Rev. Stephens. I think our numbers have not been so large this year perhaps but the attendance has been more regular. It is interesting and encouraging to see the improvement in a class of street boys, who have no influences for good except those that they get here.

Up to the week of prayer we had not ventured to have any evening gatherings. At that time we concluded to try the prayer meetings an hour and a half after sunset, since so few had found it possible to come before sunset. In order that the small number might not be scattered and unsocial we seated the company in our parlor From 40 to 60 were present every evening. To give courage to the people as well as to bring helpful thoughts to them one of the missionaries very kindly came for each night. One night an Armenian gentleman was arrested by the police as he was coming to the meeting, and was taken before the head police of this quarter. This Armenian is a wise and intelligent man and gave such satisfactory answers to the questionings that the police said "Pĕk ayi", "all right" and at his request gave him an escort back to our door. Now we are continuing the meetings Tuesday evenings as formerly and altho only some of our neighbors - 30 perhaps - come, we are having good meetings and I do hope that a blessing may come from them. Now all departments of this work except the evening school for young men are going on as usual In our day schools we have at the present date 158 pupils. One of our highly valued Greek teachers had a tedious run of typhoid fever but since the holidays she is back much to our relief and thankfulness.

Like people who become so accustomed to the mutterings and occasional flashes of a volcano that they can live in quietness and happiness at its very foot, so we live here. We think we are calm, unexcited but some little unusual occurrence will startle us so that we find our nerves are not quite normal. During one of our afternoon meetings while a young man was praying the heavy weight in the large regulator clock that hangs in the assembly room, fell to the bottom of the clock with a sharp report. We all thought that the house was attacked. I sprang unconsciously to my feet but the Armenian calmly continued his prayer.

The day of the panic Mrs. Newell and Miss Barker were over in Pera. While making some purchases the proprietor suddenly asked them to leave and then he ordered all the clerks to their houses. They went out into the street to find a terror stricken flying crowd, coming from the direction of Stamboul. It was impossible to stem the tide of frantic people so they could neither come home nor take refuge in the American Embassy. A little above is an English store this they reached before it was entirely closed and later succeeded in finding Dr. and Mrs. Greene who had recently moved to that part of the city.

Mrs. Marden and I happened to be in the parlor writing when we were startled about half past ten by hearing men run past the house and agitated voices of the women at their doors calling out - What is it? Oh what is the matter?" We at once quietly called from the garden those of our children who were having recess and called our cook and the janitor to lock and guard the front and side doors. Our minds were full f the news of the horrors in Harpoot-Marash and other places, and we thought our time had come. Soon excited parents and servants came for their children. As there were no signs of violence in this quarter we let the children go. Twenty - possibly thirty were taken out before it began to be understood that nothing serious had happened. The teachers controlled themselves well so that the pupils did not become much frightened In many places entire schools fled in a panic. Some people firmly believe that there was a plan for a massacre that day, for proof adding that some Christians were warned by friendly Moslem neighbors not to go on the street that time, but that this quarrel here in the Stamboul market between two Armenians created a panic and thwarted the plan. Mrs Marden was especially frightened by seeing quite near our house some Softas (the religious class of the Turks) distributing papers among themselves. We had been hearing that an inventory of Armenian houses was being made. Then we feared only for the Armenians. Now since the Turks and even the Russian and French Ambassadors here accuse the American missionaries of being the instagators of all these troubles our own safety would not be so certain. Our Mr. Barnum was recently refused permission to go to Erzroom to aid Mr. & Mrs William Chambers in their relief work on the ground that missionaries are disseminators of evil and no more are wanted in the interior. These base calumnies, general and particular make us feel very solicitous for our dear friends in many places. Yet we know that the Lord is able to protect us all just as long as e needs us.

Our new associate, Mrs Marden, came from Marash just in time to escape the horrible scenes there. As she receives letters and reads to us of the tortures and deaths of those of her native friends who have been closely associated with her it makes these sad events come much nearer to us. How preposterous, how purile are the statements made by the Turks and their wicked, plotting Russian and French allies.

Does the Turkish minister in Washington think the Americans such fools as to believe his version of these barbarities in the face of such clear facts. The Sultan blandly denied to one of the ambassadors that there had been any forcible conversions to Mohammedanism or that there had been any massacre in Ourfa a place where 800 were slaughtered. 1200 of them

being cut down in the church.
Every few days there appear in the Turkish papers words of highest praise to his august majesty who has restored peace and tranquility to all of his provinces!!

This is not much of a Christmas letter. We are all mono-maniacs on the subject of massacres and find it difficult to talk or think of any other subject. Now do not think that there'll be no S. S. in Gedik Pasha, no eager expectant children waiting for that wonderful Christmas tree next year. We intend and expect to hold the fort. If work in some other places must be abandoned there will be all the more reason why this should be strengthened. Please begin to plan to be as generous as possible to the dear children and faithful teachers for these must continue for some time to be gloomy days for the dwellers in this unhappy

and. In behalf of the children and
achers I thank you most heartily
r the sunshine from dear, bright
merica which you sent over to us this
st year.

Mrs. Newell left here for a visit to Egypt
ec. 18. She had not planned to go
before Feb., when we should have been
thro with our busiest season, but she
had the opportunity of having such a
ongenial companion then that we
ll urged her to go. She writes of
he charming summer weather there
while we are enduring these damp,
old, sunless days here.

Believe me very sincerely
Your grateful friend
Anna B. Jones.

P. S.

Our poor cook, Baghdasar, to whom
I have often referred in my letters, can
hear no tidings of his wife and two
daughters except the indefinite word
hat all of his village have become
moslems.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Will you kindly accep
of this general letter as an answer t
your kind letter, rec'd Dec. 27"
We have not had a letter from M
Newell since that of Jan. 19. jus
as she was about to start for the
2" cataract from Assuan. I am
glad that she can visit there unde
such favorable circumstances. He
companion is a Miss Maltbie, who
is a cousin of the Miss Maltbie in
Bulgaria. Mrs. Marden seems to
me very much stronger and better
than when she first came.
Since the people and work were
still new to her, she could not tak
up all of Mrs. Newell's duties so sh
relieves me of part of my musi
lessons. We find her a very
lovable, congenial associate. I th
it would be good policy for the Boa
to send all missionaries first to the
interior that they might get the
training in native languages wh
is not possible at the seaports wh
we have such a Babel of tongues.
We are having delightful weather
to atone for the previous rains.

Yours sincerely
Feb. 13. '96
Anna B. Jon

Constantinople.
May 16. 1896.

Rev. Dr. Smith,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your letter of Apr. 29 somewhat surprised me. I had understood that the committee ad interim was the proper medium thro which to prefer one's request for a furlough and from the fact that you considered their approval necessary (as in the case of Miss Dodd and Miss Olmstead) I supposed you thought them a body upon whose judgement you could rely. I also supposed that the secretary - Dr. Herrick would forward my request and the approval with some explanation. If I have been guilty of any discourtesy in not writing directly to you, I beg your pardon.

When Mrs. Newell returned from America last Fall she heartily consented to remain this year while I should go to the home-land. Altho our work was so well provided for I still hesitated all thro the winter, for two reasons, chiefly. I was unwilling to increase, to much extent at least, the financial burdens of the ladies. Not until this April did I know whether I should be able to bear my own expenses. I had not been able for more than two years, to get any statement of my business affairs,- the cousin who had always kindly cared for my property having died. Then too, I felt, as the condition of the people in the interior became more and more pitiful, that if there was any extra force it ought to be used in relieving this crushed people and our burdened fellow workers. Perhaps you know that at one time, Miss Barton asked Mrs. Newell to join her relief company for the interior. Little has been said about it since the subject was rather a delicate one - the withdrawal of the invitation unmistakable bearing the impress of our U.S. minister. After this - the first of March - it was plain to me that none of us could hope to be of personal help in the interior.

At the April committee

meeting I stated that although I had been out only six year and had no plea of ill health, circumstances were so peculiarly favorable to my leaving now that I would like permission to go home this summer, but that I would not ask for traveling expenses nor for help while there. If the board saw fit to return me to the field I should probably have to ask that my traveling expenses be paid. One of the gentlemen said that he thought I was entitled to a furlough and that he would prefer to give me an unconditional permission (possibly he said "indorse" an unconditional request, but I did not get that permission) The money matter, he said, would be one for me to settle with the ladies. In this way it was voted and perhaps for that reason Dr. Herrick said nothing about the expenses.

The following week I wrote to the ladies of the Interior Board.

My desire is to reach the U.S. in season for the C.E. convention in Washington, July 8".

"Another matter of which you spoke in

your letter to Mrs. Marden also surprised us greatly. All of your previous statements to Mrs. Newell and letters to the rest of us seem irreconcilable with your remark - "There are thus three of you Miss Jones, Miss Barker and yourself. This is an increase of force there and that is the question which the committee ad interim should consider."

It would seem that this is not a new idea to you on account of the exegencies of the times but that since 1891 when Miss Gleason was sent to G. P. the decision of the advisibility of a third worker has been pending in mid air. If we have been laboring under a wrong impression it should be corrected at once, certainly, for I do not know who the brave two will be that are willing to carry this work in its present proportions and demands.

Respectfully
Anna B. Jones.

Constantinople, May 16, 1896
Rec'd June 9

Miss Anna B. Jones
Granville, Ohio.
Aug 18th 1896.
Recd Aug. 21

Dear Dr. Smith;

I received your letter granting me permission for a years leave of absence. and thanks you and the rest of the Prudential Committee for it.

I reached America in time for the convention at Washington. I appreciated the fact that it was not the most restful nor healthful place to go after my rather fatiguing journey but I tried to be prudent, especially about that dangerous looking Potomac water and I suffered no ill effects. I went to the southern part of Ohio with my cousin who had met me in Washington and had a happy three weeks visit among my many cousins there.

Constantinople, May 16, 1896

I am now at the house of the cousins where I was living w I went to Turkey. This will be my permanent address f the year. I hope to be able t go to Toledo for the meeting the American Board, Oct. 6- and hope that I may hav the pleasure of meeting you there.

The letters which I receive from Constantinople are ver discouraging. The poor Armen ans are kept in such terror by the constant more or less open and public persecutions which they have to endure. Judge Terrell has returned, fe pretty sore, naturally and I look forward to this winter with considerable apprehens I do not see what more can be said to our government arouse them to take a self-respecting, dignified positio regard to our own rights and much less to exert any decided moral influence in behalf of humanity.

Mrs. Newell remained in Stamboul through July; she seemed to feel that the people were in such need of sympathy that they should not be deserted. Her vacation in the winter has doubtless made her better able to endure this hard work but I was glad to learn thro a note received from her last evening that she was to go for a little rest to Mitylene the first of August. I, of course think often of the poor people in Turkey and grieve over their pitiable condition but to be in America removes that feeling of oppression that we have constantly in Turkey I feel as if I had grown ten years younger since I set foot upon the soil of our free and beautiful country.

Some English gentleman wh were my fellow passengers on the Atlantic said when they noticed my almost overmaste delight at seeing my nativ shores - "Why I did not thin Americans loved their coun so much." At the conventio for they were delegates - they ha ample proof of the enthusiast love of country that America have.

I hope that you and your family are well and have been able to have a little rest change some place.

Very sincerely you

Anna B. Jones.

59 Dearborn St
Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 26. 1896

Rev. J. Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your twice forwarded letter of Oct. 19 just reached me this morning. I handed the draft for $26 to Mr. Wiggins while at Toledo. and carefully explained about it. but evidently he had so much on his mind that he has forgotten or else you have not seen him.

This money was given by a mixed congregation in the Pres. church of Lima. I think the thought of the contributors was for the physical relief more than for the missionary work. but the pastor and one of the deacons seemed to wish for it to pass thro the American Board. I thought perhaps the wishes of all could be best reconcilled by having the money used for the refurnishing of a church or some such special need that would give physical relief and at the same time help in the spiritual work.

I did not feel that the work at Gedik Pasha or even at Psamatia would meet this combination so well as some interior place. yet if no such special need of that kind comes to you perhaps you can not do better than to send it to the ladies at Gedik Pasha for relief work.

Mr. Wiggin said he would send a receipt.
Let him acknowledge it as from "Lima Friends"
for there was such a mixture of denominations who
contributed, many of my old public school pupils
being present.

Very respectfully

Anna B. Jones

Anna B. Jones 5+

Chicago, Oct. 26, 1896.

Rec'd Oct. 28.

Miss Anna B. Jones
136 Seelye Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

April 30th 1877

Rev. Judson Smith Rec'd May 3
No 1 Somerset St., Boston;

Dear Dr. Smith;

Your letter of April 22d just received today. There was a misunderstanding at this office about my mail and I had to recall it from Oberlin.

Yes I shall be ready by the middle of July to return to Constantinople to resume the work at Gedik Pasha in case the Prudential Committee see fit to authorize my return. Thank you for the kind offer but I shall not be obliged to ask for refit money my return expenses the ladies of the Interior Board are planning to provide.

It was very pleasant for me to meet in Hinsdale, Ills., the

delightful people of the chu
where the ladies raise my sal
In this last visit I greatly
missed a Mrs. Burton who die
suddenly this past winter. S
besides being such an enthusia
missionary worker ~~she~~ was suc
a kind personal friend, from
the time that I knew her was
correspondence.

If the Prudential Committee
give their permission for me
to return will you please te
me who will be the best per
for me to communicate with
in engaging a place in a ste
er. I want to leave from
New York, for an ocean voyag
at the best is hard for me. a
such poor steamers leave the
port of Boston.

I shall be here with my cou
Mrs. Clark until the middle
May, then my address will be
Granville, O.

I hear quite frequently from
Gedik Pasha. They seem to

eep quite well in spite of the dded burdens of relief work and oversight of industrial work in addition to the regular work. This fortunately is not quite so hard in some ways. They can have no regular night classes and then too the number of music pupils is small.

I enjoyed my ten weeks at Oberlin but the time seemed altogether too short to accomplish what I wished. It is a privilege however just to live in such an atmosphere as that for a while.

Yours very truly
Anna B. Jones

Miss Anna B. Jones
136 Seelye Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio

May 8. 1897

Rec'd May 10.

Rev Judson Smith,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your letter of May 4" giving the authorization for my return was received two days ago. Yesterday I hunted up a steamship agent and received from him what information I could. Of the Cunard line the "Campania" leaves New York July 17" but that is too expensive. The "Etruria" the one I found quite satisfactory when I came home) sails the next Sat. July 24.

Of the North German Lloyd, the "Friedrich der Grosse" sails also from New York for Southampton and Bremen, July 15

Allowing for the difference in

expense of R.R. ticket from
Liverpool to London. the latt
is about the same expense
the "Aurania" I know that th
Cunard line give a reductio
to the American Board. but I
not know whether the Nort
German Lloyd does or not.
I think I ought not to pay
more than I did last year
60 £ or a little more than
that if I land at a port in
southern England.
If my going directly to Cons
will make it possible for
Mrs. Harden and Miss Barr
to get away for a change an
rest I wish to reach Cons
as soon as possible. so wi
this contingency in mind I
would be willing to take th
German line and be ten
days crossing instead of

even or eight by the Aurania. I can not wait to engage my passage until I hear from my associates for it did not occur to me to make the proposition until about two weeks ago. If my promt arrival is immaterial I will linger a little in Germany.

It is somewhat difficult to make definite arrangements so far inland as this so I would be very much obliged if you would engage a berth for me in whatever steamer seems to you advisable now that I have explained the circumstances. I should very much like an outside room but do not know whether this is possible for so. Most important of all for me is to be located away from the smells of cooking, from the place that the food is brought up or down as well as from the kitchen itself.

From the advertisement of the

German Lloyds I judge tha
it may be possible to obtain
single rooms. I am always
sea sick that it is much
pleasanter to enjoy my sea
sickness alone.

I have tried to tell you as
well as I could what I wou
like but I realize that we
must take things as we
get them, so I'll be satisf
with whatever you choose.
I shall leave here for Granv
the 17" or 18th

Yours sincerely
Anna B. Jones

I am to select a new organ
for our Sunday School and
in order that it go in the
July shipment I must be
Boston early in July.

Miss Anna B. Jones
Shandon. Ohio. 25
June 15th 1897
Rec'd June 18

Rev. J. Smith, D.D.,
Bible House, Boston:

Dear Dr. Smith:

Letters received from Constantinople about the first of June protested against my leaving America so early. Mrs. Marden and Miss Parker both said that they would rather remain at Gedik Pasha all summer if necessary, but since things had quieted down in C'ople since the cessation of the war they thought they could both of them, together with Miss Gleason, go away to Germany for a rest. Mrs. Newell seemed to prefer not to leave immediately anyway: - would erhaps stay at Gedik Pasha ro all of July.

It did not seem wise to go back to Constantinople in the midst of summer heat and sm if it were not necessary and I did not feel that I ought to afford three or four weeks in Dresden or thereabouts w them so after considering the matter a few days I wrote to Dr. Creegan to change, if he could, my passage to a Cunard about the first of August.

Saturday I found when I arri here a reply saying that he had transferred me to the Etruria, Aug 14" second cab Dr. and Mrs. Parmelee are a booked for that steamer and the stateroom next to mine. That will be very pleasant for me.

I felt disappointed not to get the organ that I am to select for our S. S. off in the July shipment but I concluded th was not a weighty enough consideration to influence every thing else.

I shall now plan to be in Boston the first week in August. Can you some time between now and then give me the address of some good and cheap place for me to board? Room and meals separate would suit me better. And if the room could be centrally located it would be economy of time. How about the Young Women's Christian Association Rooms? It seems to me that I have heard that they furnish rooms in Boston. How long will it require to secure a new passport? Mine is three years old and so I suppose I must have a new one, must I not? Thinking that I would sail in July, I arranged with the

ladies of the Cincinnati Vine
church that I would leave
on Thurs. night after our
Commencement and Alumna
dinner in Granville, and
so be with them on Friday
afternoon. June 11. I reach
Cincinnati before seven on
Friday morning, and in the
afternoon enjoyed speaking
the ladies, there being a dele
tion of about twelve down
from the Walnut Hills Con
Church. If I happen to fee
in the mood I do quite enj
speaking now and it was
part of my home-coming tha
I shrunk from very much.
I never know beforehand ho
ever whether I am going to
in the mood, whether the w
will come easily and it is
nervous anxiety beforehan
that must make me feel
rather used up afterward
I suppose. Very sincerely y
Anna B. Jone

Constantinople,
Mar. 9" 1899.

My Dear Missionary Friends;

The flesh becomes very weary sometimes and often it is difficult not to feel fretted because the days and the weeks are too short to accomplish all the things that are lamoring for attention! yet I think would rather be "a missionarying" han going around to societies and elling about it. I did enjoy meeting the noble, sympathetic foreign mission-orkers when I was in the dear home and two years ago but the public peaking was a trial and nervous train to me.

I often recall a remark that Dr. Smith made to me before I came out to Turkey that the workers at home had all the drudgery while the missi-ies had all the romance. But ighting dirt in every place and tion, giving music lessons to un-alented beginners, drilling in the ements of English, and other things e drudgery if that word can be plied to the work of any christian whose ost monotonous, trivial tasks should glorified and ennobled by love to God d man. Yet our lives on the whole uld scarcely be considered monotonous se with possibilities of massacres and arthquakes at any time, constant rveillance of police and spies, ever arising plans for this or that department of work, a busy hive of 130 children right in these adjoining rooms and on Sundays a still greater number and variety of tongues and ages, occupying our large house from the 1st to the 4th floor. To the Armenian, Greek and Turkish is now added a Bulgarian. The lasses on that side, especially an Armenian rimary in the next room were rather startled the first Sunday by their dirge-like ulgarian hymn. A few weeks ago r school janitor, in defending some of r pupils against the rudeness of a urkish youth, was arrested and caried off to the police station. Our cook ran up stairs to tell Mrs. Marden, who had just got up that day from an attack of influenza. Miss Parker was busy in school and not very self confident in Turkish; I had gone to call on our U.S. minister's wif Mrs. Strauss, so Mrs Marden had to hasten over and rescue him before he should be taken to head-quarters! As an illustration of the curse of these miserable spies - a few months ago we invited the Armenian Protestant community to give a welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Barnum (who have become our first American neighbors) and to Rev. Bedekya their pastor who had just returned from England. This note of Mr. Dwight, who has charge of affairs connected with the government, shows how serious a matter it is for these poor hounded Armenians to have any social pleasures.

It really had not occured to us to consult his honor - the head of police, especially since last winter we had entertained a large company of Armenian and again of Greek friends without any protest f ut this time there happened to be a hungry ky prowling around, and our new servant, (ur old cook having gone to his home for a isit) admitted him without a challenge: e evidently made as good a story as possible to the palace officials. We are now expecting two evangelists from England and we are quite anxious as to whether any extra meetings will be allowed. We all feel that we so much need spiritual refreshing that I can not but trust that the Lord will protect us from our enemies.

All winter two young mohammedans have come for English lessons, entering stealthily by the side door where there are no police stationed now. To these and to another mohammedan who also came all last winter Mrs Marden is able to give a good deal of bible instruction either directly or indirectly. But oh it is a great evolution that a mohammedan must pass thro to become a christian notwithstanding the much that is true in their own religion. A fine young Sheik who came here thoroughly dis-

sted with their priesthood has become
most faithful and reverent attendant
Sunday School and at the Thursday
ening prayer meeting, altho he has
listen to considerable Armenian which
eeks despise.

ou enquired about the opposition of
the Gregorian Armenians against prot-
estant work. It seems to be increasing
ather than diminishing. One of the
reatest causes for this, I think, is a dif-
ferent patriarch from the one in office
during the massacres. This one is very
jealous of the missionaries and naturally
he under orders of priests, with few exceptions
eflect his spirit. Some say it were better
hat the orphans die in the streets than be
rought up in these protestant orphanages.
nd I recently heard of a priest who argued
hat it being so unfair that some should
ave such good homes while others must
ffer, it were better that none go to the
phanages   Four or five of the
mi[illegible]t men who were sending their
hildren to our school were appointed

istress in their church schools and
ch pressure brought to bear on them
at only two have had the independence
be unmoved in their purposes. One
menian priest who has not only sent
is little girl but had often recommended
e school to others, was threatened with
ss of office if he did not remove his
child. But to our surprise another priest,
a near neighbor, still sends his children.
I have not visited in any of the homes
of the well to do families where they have
not alluded to efforts made to induce
them to take their children away from
our school. The teachers in the church
schools strictly forbid their pupils to
ome here on Sundays so that while the
parents of most of our children allow
them to come on Sunday, the number
outside ones is considerably reduced
While such things are a little dis-
couraging it shows that there is life
in Protestant work, and we know
from former experience that such
energy is spasmodic, (on the part of

Armenians at least). In the meantime
quietly pursue the even tenor of our
y - not abating our religious instruction
ject, giving every morning the first half
three quarters of an hour (according to grade)
Bible study and striving to keep up
far as possible the standard of our school.
suffered a serious loss last summer
t summer in the sudden carrying
by a Marsovan professor of our most
perienced teacher. To remedy this defect
far as possible Miss Saunders had been
ing a short course of kindergarten
training, - the ladies of the eastern board
indly allowing us to detain her on her
way home from Smyrna. She is such
thorough master of her art that she has
een able to help our teachers very much
in these two months.

We think we can see a steady growth
the Christian character of some of
children. I have never known a
dden or definitely timed conversion
ong our pupils and yet we gradually
e convinced that this one or that

is a real christian and it has proba-
y been an unconscious growth to the
y or girl. You see these orientals
lk pious about as naturally as they
eathe. If you ask one whether he loves
h Savior and is trying to please Him
e will answer, "Yes" but his actions
d not agree with his words. Absolute
uthfulness is one of the hardest things
r them to learn. For these reasons
always feel puzzled when I am asked
bout the religious condition of our
upils. Then too, I am so debarred from
ee intercourse with the children on
ligious subjects because their religious
cabulary is in either Greek or Armenian
either of which I know to that extent,
t the one common language of Turkish
s absolutely necessary to me in meeting
he various tongues of parents. Be
hankful every day of your lives for
ur blessed land of the language.

Our one Bible woman whom
e prize very much for her practical
nergy and genuine Christian spirit

gs had to endure untold trials with er vile, wicked husband, but a few eeks ago he stripped the house of early every thing and practically eft her. If only he will let her alone ow. She has borne with him all hese years in the hope that the Lord ould yet bless her efforts to save him.

Please do pray for her, for our six day school teachers, for our seventeen B. teachers, the Armenian and the Greek evangelist, the Greek who has charge of our coffee house nd reading room, (he has a great rial in a non-protestant wife) and or us three, - Mrs Marden, Miss Barker and myself - your three epresentatives here!

Yours very truly
Anna B. Jones.

Miss Anna B. Jones.
Cons'ple, Nov. 15. 1898.
Rec'd March 31. 1899.

Miss Anna B. Jones 27 S+

Conple, Mar. 15 99

Rec'd March 31.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Last week I wrote this letter to the ladies of the Illinois Branch and as I find it so difficult to find time for letters perhaps you will excuse me if I send this as part of my letter to you.

Last Saturday morning Rev. Mr. Grubb, Mr. Milliard and his wife reached here and that very evening we had a little gathering of about fifty-five who understand English. Rev. Mr Grubb is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and had two years in a German university. He converses freely in both German and French and is a very fine musician, altho he has kept up no regular practice for twenty years. He is intellectual and a very spiritual man. Mr. Milliard is enthusiastic, cheery and a most devoted christian: His wife is a strong, gentle, Spiri filled woman, who was a missi ary in China until her health gave way. With three such workers may we not expect a great blessing from God. I think you may have heard of this Mr. Millard for last winter he was in Harpoot, Marash, Oorfa and many other places in Turkey, making himself most helpful in every way to the missionaries. There are very many difficulties in the way of evangelistic efforts in this city. - the many languages the scattered and various centres of christian work. All these, yo can appreciate after having bee here, - only that you did not try to extend your interest beyond that of the work of the American Board, I suppose, while all christian workes feel that they have a claim on these.

But they all feel quite strongly that it is not wise to scatter their efforts too much and as we first invited them to come to Consple they plan to concentrate most of their work here. As yet we have ventured upon no extra meetings except two small ones for English speaking natives. Neither these nor the presence of these guests have caused any enquiries from the police so we feel emboldened to venture a little farther. It is a great pity that Robert and Scutari Colleges are not more eager to avail themselves of such helps. for there they could speak without the hindrance of an interpreter.

God grant that even a few of these sleepy christians be awakened to continue the work after these friends must leave us.

We have been very thankful for the help of Miss Saunders since the middle of January until this Tuesday morning when she started off alone for America by the Constanza (Black Sea) route. Our kindergarten has suffered a good deal from the loss of Miss Manning who left us so suddenly, but this has (in part at least) compensated us, and then Miss Manning as Mrs. Hagopian has been able to give them a good deal of help in this line in Marsovan. Miss Saunders is a master in her line and it is a great pity as far as kindergarten work is concerned that she had to give up her work in Turkey.

I will send you a small photograph of the Conference of Christian Workers at Brummana last summer which may interest you a little if you have not seen one.

I am with kindest regards Very sincerely yours,
Anna B. Jones.

Miss Mary E. Kinney
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Adabazar, Turkey.
November 30, 1899.

y dear Dr. Smith,

Your letter dated ct. 31 should have been answered re this had it not been for he delay in my reaching Adabazar. We were detained in Constantinople five days before we ucceeded in getting teskaries and in consequence I have but just gotten settled.

Our journey was a very delightful one from beginning to end. The ocean trip was specially enjoyable to me, it being my first experience on the sea. I found my companions very congenial people indeed. M Lee was very kind to us and we felt under great obligatio to him for taking such goo care of us and looking ou for our needs so well.

The people in Adabazar have been very very cordial to me. Several of the trustees of the school came to meet me at stations outside of Adabazar a since then they have been ver kind and thoughtful. Adabazar is certainly a very fortunat place to have such a fine bo of trustees. Of course I have ha ly been here long enough to know the school work very inti ly. From what I have seen however I ~~should~~ say that the school is very propperous. The nativ teachers came the first of Octobe and so everything is going on regularly. I have been very much impressed with the girls. They are naturally, immature and undeveloped but I feel sure they are, and will be, responsive to influences for good about them in the school. I am very happy in the thought that God has put me here to do my share in moulding these lives and helping these girls to become true and noble women.

Miss Hyde and Miss Farnham are going to prove very delightful associates I am sure. I feel certain that this will be a very happy home for me.

I began taking Armenian le this week and the program has been so arranged that shall teach every morning a have the afternoon free for st Mr. Alexanian, the teacher of Armenian in the school, is teaching me and I have st hopes of acquiring the language readily. I am anx to learn it as soon as possib so that I can talk with t girls in their own tongue.

My teaching is confined t the music almost entirely. only other subject I shall tea will be Senior English. By next September I shall hope

now enough Armenian to
take some other classes.

With regards from Miss Farnham
Miss Hyde and myself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Kinney.

Miss Mary E. Kinney S

Adabazar, Nov. 30, 1899.

Rec'd Dec. 15,

Miss Martha A. King
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February 8 1893.

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Rev. Judson Smith—
My dear friend—

The news of our appointment came to me Feb. 4th and your cordial letter was received the 6th. Yes we are pleased—because we feel that God's guiding hand has been in it all—and there is great peace in the knowledge that He never makes mistakes. With the letter came a great sense of unworthiness, unfitness, and an indescribable awe almost—nevertheless

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great joy come too th the Lord had accepted our offer of service. I pray that the service as we give it may be acceptable to Him, and that He will use us an keep us.

I don't know as I hav any questions to ask yo In fact I am so very ignorant of the field th I'm all questions, and must find out much in every respect in gen before I begin to go into particulars.

Mr. Wingate is a persona

friend - as is also the
family, and from them
I shall become acquainted
with the field.

My experience in teaching
has been very limited. I
almost tremble when I
begin to think how little
I know. I should like
to know if possible what
branches will come to
me to teach - so that
I can put in spare moments.
Should you advise me
to resign my work as
assistant soon, and
spend the time in
particular, definite
preparation. A course in

Bible study, music, —
physical culture perhaps
Or is the work as a pa
assistant a broaden
preparation? All that
you can tell me as how
best to prepare — mentall
I am thinking of — nou
will be very thankful
acted upon.

Miss Nellie Whitney — a
friend of mine who ha
recently applied and bee
rejected by the Board is
almost heart broken.
Her asthamatic tendencies
are in the way. But she
says — "oh I wish they
knew how well I was

and had been for years-
It seems as if there must
be the right kind of a
climate somewhere among
their stations - and I
do so long to go" -

I write this because I
know what a superior
young woman she is.
We are associated now
in City Hospital visitation
under the auspices of
our Y. P. S. C. E. and I
find her very strong, tender
and helpful in every
respect.

Would that the Lord
might use her in her
chosen field -

I have not written to M
Tracey yet - but shall
soon - Thank you fo
suggesting her name.
was very glad to mee
Mr. Tracey a short time
Thanking you for you
kindly interest - and
with a heart glad in
the anticipation I am

Very sincerely
Martha A. King

1603 - 4 Ave. S.
Minneapolis.

Miss M. A. King,
Minneapolis, Feb. 8, 18
Rec'd Feb. 13.

April 15 1893

Dr. Judson Smith

My dear friend –

As the days pass by and the preparation proceeds I find that it becomes necessary to send for fifty dollars –

It is a new experience asking for money that I have not earned, and I dislike to do it – but missionaries must pay their bills I suppose as well as other people. So if it is convenient I shall be glad to receive

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the amount. The dres
makers and dry goods
merchants are about
through with me. I hop

It has been very
delightful again to mee
Mr. Tracy. Our rallie
are successful - if onl
the weather, in most
cases would allow
larger audiences.

We were adopted by the
Minnesota Branch, at
their annual meeting
week, and will try
to prove worthy of the
large-hearted sincere

manner in which it was done.

As the hand of God more and more is manifested in the affairs of Turkey at this particular time we feel more and more grateful and glad that it is ours to serve Him in that land.

Very sincerely

Martha A. King

1603 - 4 Ave. S.

Minneapolis.

Miss Martha A. King

Minneapolis, April 15, 1

Filed April 20.

June 3 1893.

Dr. Judson Smith -

My dear friend -

I have had questions that I wanted to ask in regard to our ailing, for some time - Friends are beginning to ask when do you sail?" "from where" - "with whom" - hat will be your route cross Europe", "are you oing to make any stops n the way" and I have been saying "I don't know" ntil it is getting very monotonous. It may be that it is too early for

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you to know these things
with definiteness but w
shall be glad to hear a
soon as you know.

What steamship line,
shall we engage the be

The work of preparatio
is progressing nicely-
Mountains grow smalle
as we begin to ascend the

If convenient I would
be glad to receive $ 100.
pray continually for wisd
in the spending of this
money that I dislike so
much to ask for. When

must our boxes be ready?

Must all go at once, or can we take part with us when we go?

Would it be practicable for us to do a little sight-seeing on the continent?

I enclose this with an invitation for Tuesday night. This meeting comes somewhat earlier than I wish - but our Pastor and many of the people go away for the Summer soon.

Very sincerely
Martha A. King.
03 - 4 Ave S.

Miss Martha A. Ki

june 3, 189

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June 20 1893-

Rev. Judson Smith

Dear friend -

Miss Gage and
I are ready to leave the date
f sailing to you, - and would
be obliged if you will
ecure passage for us.
The fact of our going alone,
r rather in company with
Miss Knapp, does not in the
east disturb us. But as
oon as we may hear of
he arrangements we will
be glad, for we are both
lanning to visit in the
ast and must know very
oon, in order to let our
riends know.

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Miss Martha A. Kn

June 3, 189

Filed June 7

Very sincerely

Martha A. King

1603 4 Ave. S.

Minneapolis.

Miss M. A. King

Minneapolis, June 20, 1

Filed June 23

July 10 1893.

ev. Judson Smith_

My dear friend

I write to ask for the last installment of the money_ $100. Our boxes re on the way_ The time for home-leaving will be ere next week_ We are eally going to be allowed to go to Turkey. May the ear Lord use us there.

May I ask you, to see that teamer chairs are reserved or us. We do not want o purchase until we are n the Black Sea_ if we do at all. And so we shall want to be sure that we can rent them - on the Atlantic, and will be obliged if you will Kindly see to it for us. -

Very sincerely
Martha A. King

603 4 Ave. S.
Minneapolis

Miss Martha A. King.

Minneapolis, July 19/1893

Filed July 20

Constantinople
September 15 1893.

ev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith—

I've just asked Miss Gage or a proper beginning sentence he says, "Tell him you don't now one and begin in the iddle"— So I begin in the iddle. You must not xpect any-thing of any importance rom us until we are settled nd then, I question that word mportance. I mean that in this continual state of excitement f moving from one place another and amid all our ew experiences, our ability o correctly and connectedly o anything is questionable. I write simply to tell of our rrival — of our delightful journey and of our present state of happiness and health.

Miss Martha A. King.

Constantinople, Sep. 15, 1893.

Rec'd Oct. 2.

Marsovan, Turkey.
November 30 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith –
No 1 Somerset St.
Boston Mass –

My dear Dr. Smith –

The plan for writing to you each month was to have begun in October, but Miss Riggs, the only one who knew anything about the school then, had extra duties, and could not find time to write. Two months Experience is all I can boast, and yet it is enough to give me confidence t express my opinions of the school, to you. And they are opinions that I ope may never change for the worse. We had a theoretical belief before we arrived, that teaching school here would e very similar to teaching school in America, yet in our inmost thoughts feared that many adjustments would have to be made. Surprising indeed it is to us, even startling, that theories have proven to be facts. and that teaching school here *is* just exactly what it was in America. The humanity of the girls shows itself in every thing. They respond to our methods, they express longings and aspirations and doubts, they are girls - girls giggling, and serious, girls dreaming and active, girls good, bad and indifferent. And *we* girls are as glad and thankful as we can be that we are here. We can trust God for wisdom in guiding them - it is our constant prayer. I cannot tell you how we regret that we did not see Miss Fritcher. She must have had long cherished plans for the school and we should so have loved to know them, and carry them out. As it is we shall try to find them out - and try to have the same high ideal for the school that we know she had. Our Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by the arrival of those whom we have been expecting so long. Mr. & Mrs. Wingate, Mrs Riggs, Miss Bush and Mr Fowle. Now we feel much strengthened and encouraged - for we really have been groping in ignorance in many respects. You may expect Miss Gages' report for December to be very encouraging.

Our first impressions of the school were very favorable, not only of the girls themselves, but of the general management. We think that in Miss Anna, the matron we have a treasure - and Miss Prapion too. Not withstanding the fact that they are Armenians and wished very much to have us learn their language they are helping us all they can with Turkish - and seem much interested in our progress. Miss Aspasia the Greek teacher, is young and inexperienced, and has a failing" for shutting the girls in their closets (which the girls like very much) but is doing good work and is very anxious to do better. Miss Haiganoosh the graduate pupil of last year will prove a valuable teacher in course of time. These four with the now four American teachers constitute our working force. Our pupils number about 15 Greek, and the remaining Armenian. We find some jealousy between the two nations. And it is not alone the old time pride of the Greeks that makes them feel that they are unimportant. Their schoolroom is in the basement, and their desks are home-made, and they are fewer in number, but these are slight difficulties and can be remedied in the new building. Do not understand that it is anything serious. There is only a little twitting back and forth among the girls which though in itself wrong is not serious at all. We are much crowded in the present quarters, for recitation room, for dining-room and for dormitories some of the girls sleep in the school room. but next year our trials will have ceased. We are looking forward to our new building with great expectations. Even though the building now is somewhat larger than is necessary, and even though money for its completion is not entirely in hand, and even though there is a possibility of another catastrophy, we are planning and trusting that all will be well. Miss Gage has had the Seniors in Mental Philosophy; a class in English; and the writing + drawing of the school. I have had Modern History, Geology, Singing and Gymnastics. These with our

Turkish has kept us out of mischief and saved us from any homesickness. We were especially fortunate in being able to be of some use at the beginning The Seniors and Juniors speak English fairly well. We are doing all we ca to encourage them in it. We requir them to speak English at the dinner table - and either Miss Gage or myself go down to eat with them changing from table to table each day and every two weeks presenting a banner to the table which seems t have tried the hardest. Every two weeks the girls come to our room on Saturday afternoon for English conversation - topics being previousl assigned. The alternate Saturdays w go to the schoolroom with our mending, and encourage them to do theirs at that time. There is a little scheme in this - for some of them need a few hints.

The Spiritual condition seems good. There is a spirit of earnestness prevailing which seems genuine. There are 8 or 9 Circles of Kings Daughters Miss Riggs & I having each, the leaders of other bands in ours. I am trying in mine to inspire the girls to acquire a working knowledge of the Bible. Using the personal interviews of Christ as examples for our own work, and showing the value of one soul, and the glory and joy of working for the Master I hope it may develope into a real training class, and that some may become Bible women - That seems to be one great need at present.

I need not repeat in closing that our greatest Thanksgiving this year is that we are in Marsovan

I remain

In sincerity

Martha A. King.

Miss Martha A. King. — S

Marsovan, Nov. 30, 1893.

Rec'd Jan. 12, 1894.

Marsovan. Turkey in Asia
March 26 1894.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
No 1 Somerset St. Boston

My dear Dr. Smith—

I think this plan of sending monthly letters to you an excellent one, if only we might know what each one writes. You will have to be very forgiving—for I fear we shall repeat each other very often. School work is moving on quite smoothly at present. Miss Bush is putting her whole soul into it. She told you no doubt of the little influenza epidemic just at the close of the last term and that we closed school for three days. And of the beginning of the new term. We began very bravely but before many days Miss Riggs and Miss Gage and I realized that we had hardly an unbroken hour, for our own language study, and that consequently our first duty was being neglected. At a station meeting when only one of us four American teachers were present it was decided to employ Mazloo Hanum to relieve us for the remainder of the year. We were fortunate in having some one whom we could employ. She is a graduate of Harpoot and has taught before, and is doing very well now. We each have three classes still, and our mornings almost entirely free for study. Now if we don't make

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strides through these Turkish constructions we shall have to lay all the blame to our own stupidity. Six months of study finds us with a profound impression of linguistic inability. But there certainly is incentive enough to learn a dozen languages were it necessary to do so to reach these people and we are digging away with might and main.

We made the announcement of Commencement honors last week. Aroosiag Donigian, a daughter of a Protestant is to be Valedictorian. I have forgotten just what her average is but it is above 90. Aroosiag Barsamian and Aghavni Baiendarian have second and third place. The honor is that they will write their Commencement essays in English. The class numbers seven. Their English too is very good. It seems to us as if they hade improved greatly in English. I required my English Literature class - the Seniors - to write a report of an Eng. lecture on Mary Lyon and Mt. Holyoke Seminary given by Mr. White. And I wish you could have heard them - they were splendid. Except for national peculiarities in pronunciation, you would have deemed them good for any girl of 17 or 18 summers I know. Do you believe in offering prizes for such exercises? I gave a little copy of "The Merchant of Venice" to the one whom the judges placed first.

A change has been made in the Wednesday program the day of sewing and rhetoricals. The rhetoricals come in the afternoon and the friends are invited to come. We have large audiences every week, and it is proving quite an incentive to better work.

The Church Committee have agreed to have a Communion Service the Sunday following ~~our~~ their Easter. We are hoping that several of our girls who were helped on the Day of Prayer will come out from the Old Church and join us. As much as they may wish to reform their church I believe they realize that Christ knew when he said "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles" or "new cloth into an old garment" and that he meant the message for them. It will be about May 1st. Won't you pray with us for a great blessing that day?

Miss Gage joins with me in sending sincerest regards. We both keep well and happy.

Very truly
Martha A. King.

March 26, 1894. Marsovan.
Rec'd May 9.

Marsovan Turkey in Asia.
November 16 1894.

Dr. Judson Smith –

Dear friend –

There are hours enough in the day to do ones duties, but the time for letter writing has to be planned for – And sometimes the best laid plans miscarry. This is my excuse for neglecting to send the monthly report that we promised. I dont know how many months have passed and I dont want to know, hard enough to stop to think; for fear my fault will be greater than it seems now. We moved into our new building the week that the new school year opened – September 13 – And have been settling ever since and expect to continue doing so for many a month. For altho' our large schoolroom was finished, it was about the only spot that was finished. But such a beautiful home and school it is. We can never cease to thank God for it. So large, so roomy, so convenient and beautiful withal. We agree with a Turkish scribe who stood before it and wondered whose mind could conceive such a building. We have seen buildings in America that compared favorably, but, few inhabitants of this land have seen any thing at all like it. We sent a plan to you some months

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ago but that could not make you feel the charm that one always feels on entering the large doors that leads to the smoothly paved court, and at night looking up to the star-light sky to the Builder beyond, and in the day time to the three tiers of rooms on each of the four sides and the two balconies also encircling the court. The dormitories are on the third floor - also one on the fourth - To these the girls are not allowed to go during the day. The second floor has the school room, and sitting rooms for the girls, the native teachers, and the American teachers. And on the ground floor are three recitation rooms - the gymnasium - dining room and kitchen. This in general is the plan. You must needs come to see us to appreciate it - What a hearty welcome you would receive. Mr. & Mrs. Farnsworth on their way to America each made us a visit today. How glad we should be to have other American friends. We are almost swamped with native friends who come to "gez" - sight see - Squads of women and children are here every day. We are glad to have them, and pray that some of the Turkish women will allow their daughters to come. We have 97 pupils now. 15 of them Greek and 40 of them boarders. We did have 102 at one time, but for one reason or another several have been obliged to leave. There are eight of us teachers. Besides we 3 American teachers. there is Misses Anna & Prapione who have been here so long, a Greek teacher who has been here two years and two new Armenian teachers. Both of them graduates, and both doing earnest and satisfactory work. Miss Riggs is still studying her Greek, and Miss Gage and I still digging away on Turkish. Tho' just at present Miss G. is having a week or two of vacation to allow me to catch up to her. She is almost too busy. but we both keep remarkably well and feel that there is no danger of mental monotony getting the upper-hand. We can give only the best of reports as to the deportment of the girls. the cleanness and neatness and beauty of all around must truly exert an influence. All except the first year girls must speak English from the opening to the closing of school. There are unknown monitors - unknown to all except Miss Gage. And the girls are truly doing nobly about keeping the rule, and also advancing in our most difficult of all languages. We should so enjoy having you come in to some of our Wednesday afternoon Rhetorical exercises. There is a marvellous combination of Armenian, Greek, Turkish and English. If you find some one who wants to support a teacher in Marsovan - and a teacher who can teach music and gymnastics, we should be very glad. Mrs. White gives ten music lessons a week - with her 3 little children, her study of Turkish, and her husband away, just at present, she is very busy indeed. But we were absolutely without other resource. One of the younger teachers gives music lessons to the little girls - but is not capable of teaching the older ones. So you see we have begun to want already. I am hoping to go on a short tour with Mr. White, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and hope to do more and more of that work as I become able to speak. Our Kings Daughters have been reorganized and much of the responsibility thrown upon the girls. The organization is a Combination of C.E. Y.W.C.A. and Kings Daughters. We certainly ought to do good work and we mean to. There are prayer meeting ~~comm~~ Sunday School Social Committees and 11 other circles for practical work and definite endeavor and prayer.

We were all glad that you and Mrs. Smith could have a vacation and we are glad to hear of the improvement in your health. We as a station keep remarkably well. Miss Bush has reached Harpoot and Mr. White her escort is well on his way home. We were sincerely grateful for Miss Bush's assistance

Very sincerely Martha A. King.

Marsovan, Nov. 16-1894
Rec'd Dec. 28

Marsovan - Turkey in Asia
March 2 1895.

Dr. Judson Smith D.D.

My dear friend -

I have just labored through a letter in Turkish that I have been writing to our Bible woman in Hadjikeuy. It was a terrible struggle, and I am going to make it answer for the composition that is due Prof. Hagopian our next lesson. It was Turkish, but written in Armenian characters. Don't think I aspire yet to writing the Osmanli characters. This letter I am sure will be much more intelligible than that.

There are two things concerning the school that I want to report. One a pleasant and the other an unpleasant affair. The unpleasant first. For some time petty thieving has been going on. It baffles us to discover who is doing it. We have appointed a guard to be on hand at all times, we have searched trunks and closets and desks and pockets, we have read the story of Achan and talked to them in the most serious manner we knew how - individually and collectively. But not a thing have we found out. Oh it is dreadful to have to have this spirit of suspicion for everybody. We are praying in faith and God will discover it to us. Of course there are some whom we suspect, but their faces and hearts seem impervious.

The pleasant subject is about the Day of Prayer. We observed it this year in much the same way that we did last year — if you remember what that was. A long time before we had it in mind and talked to the girls about it. Short meetings were held just before bed-time, three or four days before. So that our hearts might be prepared for the blessing we expected. The day was a beautiful one. From 8 8.30 there was a quiet time, each one in her closet. Then the Kings Daughters circles had their separate gatherings. At 10 o'clock Mr. Tracy preached an earnest sermon. "Come unto me" his text. Mrs. White came down and sang informally with the girls while we teachers were having private talks with some of them. They love to sing.

After dinner Mrs. Tracy came down and talked to them about Miss Fritcher. We don't want any-one to forget the spirit of her life. At 2.30 Miss Susie led our prayer meeting, and put it almost entirely into the hands of the girls. There were many testimonies for Christ — many faltering prayers, and I am sure, many determinations for better things down deep in their hearts.

But the best of all was to see groups of girls.

or perhaps only two, scattered about all talking about "best things". Those who tried to help others, (and there were many among the older girls) were the ones who, when we talked it over at night were most happy. We thank God for the Day of Prayer for Colleges. We do so much need Divine guidance.

Caesarea has sent an urgent call for one of us to come to them during the year '95 and '96. But we hardly see how we could get along with one less teacher than we have. And we do need someone who can teach organ lessons, for Mrs. White who is helping this year has her hands more than full with her own home duties.

Will you think these two new teachers very worldly when I tell you that we allowed Mr Smith to persuade us to stay an hour after supper every night while we read "The Little Minister" aloud! We have also read "Marcella" in the same way. I hope you believe in light reading - and recreation, as we all do in this station. Exercise is as much a necessity with me almost as food.

School work goes on about as usual - Some days lessons are well prepared and some days they are not. We have had almost perfect health throughout the year. And our new building is a constant delight.

Have you been told about the little meeting that some of the girls have every Friday morning at 5 oclock. They have pledged to do personal Christian work, and meet once a week to pray and talk about it. It is entirely their own idea - and shows a good spirit of earnestness We were pleased also to learn that on Sunday the daughters of preachers meet to pray for their fathers. And so the influences spread - and so Christs Kingdom advances.

I shall never cease to be thankful that God permits me to work in this way for Him. Miss Gage would wish to be remembered to you and your wife were she here - but this is her study hour evening with the girls.

Very sincerely

Martha A. King.

Marsovan March 2 1895

Rec'd April 1

Marsovan Turkey
May 27 1895.

Judson Smith D.D.

My dear friend—

I can hardly believe it is three months since I last wrote to you - but it is and my turn has come again for a report. The thing that has been uppermost in all our minds during the past three weeks is that Miss Gage is away. We have gotten along well - every thing was so carefully planned before she went away that we couldn't have done otherwise - but when she comes again, this week as we expect, we'll all heave a sigh of relief and gladly give up the reins to her. Miss Susie has had the disciplining to do, and there has been more or less of it - and she has not been strong - a cold on her lungs and a hard cough has kept her down. This spring weather and our beautiful new gardens together combine to place the girls in more or less temptation. But they are good girls just the same - and not unlike others whom I have known.

Have you heard that I am to have a years visit from Miss Willard of Carleton College? If you knew her, you would certainly think we Marsovan people had a treat in store. And if we were not so sure that she was one of the powers in the Missionary cause at home we would bring pressure to bear to keep her here.

We are very happy in the prospect of her coming.

Only five weeks more in this school year. The Seniors are busy preparing essays songs and dresses. I am getting a gymnastic exhibition ready and several choruses. I wish you could hear the girls sing - they certainly have enthusiasm enough in their preparations to sing very well when the time comes.

We enjoy having Mrs. Wingate among us again - though just now she is so worried over her baby that she isn't herself. And her own health is very feeble.

The W.B.M.I Prayer Calendar remembered us last week - and we were especially strengthened in the thought. May God make us wise and strong to do His will.

You will forgive a short letter this time - and the next one promises to be full of Commencement interest.

Very sincerely yours

Martha A. King.

Marsovan, May 27 - 1895

Rec'd June 19

American School
Smyrna Turkey
Nov. 15-'90.

Dr. Judson Smith -

Dear Sir -

I owe you an apology for not writing for such a long time - I hope you will pardon me - Last year something came up each Saturday so that I did not get it written and now we have all been so busy on account of Miss Laurence being so late in arriving. doubtless the others have written you all about it so I will not do so -

I spent a very pleasant seven weeks in Marsovan and got well acquainted with the delightful circle there - I enjoyed it all but the Araba ride which I think no one can really enjoy - It was very pleasant to see Miss Bertha Smith again for during our long journey together we became warm friends and I enjoyed meeting and knowing her father, mother and sister also -

On the way home I spent a very pleas

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-out two weeks with Dr. Riggs and Mrs Trowbridge in Constantinople - They were very kind indeed to me - I also ~~the~~ had an opportunity of seeing St. Sophia and some other of the interesting things there - I had the pleasure of meeting more of the missionaries also which was very nice -

Miss Lawrence arrived with Mrs. Bartlett yesterday on the French from Marseilles Miss Smith, Miss Nellie, and Mr. Bartlett are still travelling and will not arrive until the latter part of next week.

I wish all new missionaries could know how much they are needed and they would either start earlier or come quicker - You see I can speak from experience now. We have needed Miss Smith and Miss Lawrence very much - Miss Lord is nearly tired out.

Our School is prospering I think - We have nearly as many scholars as at the close of last year and they are still coming in - Two new girls in the upper school came in this last week -

I am to change my work as soon as Miss Smith arrives - I shall then be

Matron - I think I shall enjoy my new duties very much - I feel that I have more ability in that direction than in any other except perhaps in Singing - I shall still teach the Singing also the Sewing and one or two regular classes as I have time and have the care of the prayermeetings every other week besides the regular Matrons work -

I shall have my hands full but with work that I enjoy and have been accustomed to.

The boxes sent out by Mr. Smith are now in the Custom House and will I hope be out today or Monday -

We can do so little in the general Missionary work here that I often feel as tho' nothing was accomplished but I suppose that the educational work is just as important as the other work -

Please remember me to Mrs. Smith and Drs Clark and Alden and Mr. Smith

Yours Respectfully

Elizabeth M. E. Pittard

Smyrna, Nov. 15, 1890.

Rec'd Dec. 1.

American Mission
Smyrna Turkey
April 25/91

Dr. Judson Smith -
Dear Sir -

In spite of my good resolutions to the contrary I have been very neglectful about writing to you. The others have doubtless kept you informed as to the work of the School and Mission so I will immediatly proceed to tell you ~~the~~ my special reason for writing this letter -

I am afraid you will be sorry to hear that in it I desire to send in my resignation as a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. My reason being that I have listened to the sweet old story told so many times the world over and in becoming the wife of the Scotch Missionary to the Jews the Rev. James Murray - I shall be obliged

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to sever my connection with the Boa

I am sorry that it is so for I hav enjoyed working under the Board very much and should continue to do so did I not feel that I am called to a larger field of influence - and one which I am more capable of filling in becoming Mr. Murrays wife -

If it were a question of leaving the work or even of leaving Smyrna I should hesitate but it is simply a transferring of work to those who need the Gospel just as much and who; being God's ancient people, are ju as precious in His sight, if not more so. The harvest is ripe for they ar begining to see the hollowness of their ancient religion and will soon swing over to Christianity or Atheism.

In consulting the Manual regard to leaving the Board I f that as I have not been in the service of the Board five years - I shall be expec to make an equitable return for the mone

xpended in outfit and travelling expenses.
I shall of course leave ~~my~~ the furniture
for my room with the outfit money and
also a bureau which I purchased and
had sent out this year - to match the set.
They will do very nicely I think for the
lady who ~~may~~ comes to fill my place.
They are very nice and I think one
could not help being pleased with them.

Will you kindly write me in
regard to the matter what will
be considered an equitable return
as I have not a very deffinite idea
of the amount expended for journey &c.
a year ago. I sent back $25. to the
Ladies of the W. B. M. I. as part of the
outfit money returned but they
said the account was closed so
acknowledged it as a gift and sent it
to the School at Hermosillo - Mexico.

Hoping You and Mrs. Smith
are in good health
I remain
Yours Sincerely
Lizzie E. Kirtland.

Miss Lizzie C. Kirtland S

Smyrna, April 25, 1891

Rec'd May 11

Elizabeth Kirtland

American School
Smyrna Turkey
June 12. '91.

Rec'd June 29.

Dr. Judson Smith.
Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 13th of May was received a few days ago. I thank you for your congratulations and good wishes for my future happiness. Please thank Mrs. Smith for me.

Mr. Murray wishes me to say that the sum mentioned in your letter - $300. will be paid into the Treasury by

Jan. 1. '92. Until which tim
I am at the service of the
Board if they need me.
Of course if the lady who
is to take my place arriv
here in time to begin School
in Oct., they will not need
me, but if they do, I shal
be willing to stay until the

As to the matter of my
furniture. Upon consultin
Mr. Murray we have decided
that it will be best to refu
the whole amount and keep
for our own use such thing
as I brought out with me

The time for closing
the school is nearly here
and we rejoice that it is

so for the weather is so extremely warm that it is very hard work to do even the smallest things. A day or so ago the mercury went as high as °102. in the Shade. It is the hotest weather I have experienced since coming to Turkey.

I expect this Summer to go to Shuznee a small village in the Taurus Mts. where the Adana and Mersin Missionaries go for the summer. There will be quite a large circle there and we expect to have a delightful season of rest.

Please give kindest regards

to Mrs. Smith and the othe
ladies: -

And believe me

Very Sincerely Yours

Elizabeth Kirtla

Miss Clarissa D. Lawrence
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Miss Clarissa D. Lawrence

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Elyria, Ohio.

46 West Ave.

May 17th 1890

Rec'd May 21.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Yours of the 12th was forwarded to me from Painesville to Elyria, where I have been for the past six weeks, and I hasten to reply. I know that Miss Lord, and others in Smyrna do not feel that it is best to delay opening school longer than the accustomed time, and very likely they are right in their decision, though personally that I am of the opinion that any loss in numbers would be more than com-

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pensated for by the better health of both teachers and scholars. Past records show that the school is alway very slimly attended for the first three weeks, for those who are able to leav the city do not return be- fore October, and there is always more or less illnes in Sept. which prevents ma ny from attending. Therefor we should gain more than we should lose by begin- ning later, but it may be as well to wait till the sch is more firmly established.

I do not see how I can possibly leave America before the first of Oct. I am very sorry that it must be so. It has been a very question with me, whether I ough

to go back at all, or for some
years at least, and if I had
been able to see any way
by which they could get
along without me in Smyr-
na, I should certainly have
asked for leave of absence
for next year - As it is, the
only way I can see is for me
to be a little late, I hope
not more than four or five
weeks, in getting back -
According to present prospects
the force which Miss Lord
will begin, will be equal
to that with which I began
two years ago, and before
the years was out I had
lost, so it seems to me

that while it is asking a favour, and not a small one, still it is not askin more than they can perform when I ask permission to be thus late in getting back - Taking into consideration the fact that the classes are never full the first weeks it seems to me that my classes, some of the at least, might wait till I mig get there - I am not afraid to travel alone, so that whenever I am ready I can start without regard to company. The Bartletts will sail Aug. so they will be in Sel to give advice, and help wa needed - I am sorry to ask any favours, but I have done a good deal of "holding the fort" myself in the past

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and shall gladly do so in the future.

and I will do my best to find the "superior woman" you indicate, but past experience warns me not to be too sanguine - The ~~right~~ "right-one" is hard to find on short notice, still I hope she may appear soon.

I tried while at the Sem. to discover some one, but did not succeed - There is always some "but" in the way! Miss McKinstry would be capital for us, "but" her health will not permit. I myself do not approve of young ladies going out

immediately after grad
uation, before they have
had experience in teach
and self-reliance in the
country.
I hear there is some talk of
Mr. McLachlan's joining our fo
station - I wish very much th
he might, for he would
certainly be a very valu
able addition to our comp
of workers. He is a man
of very unusual spiritualo
it seems to me, especially the
for one of his years - Being
an old friend of Mr. Mc
Naughton we should be
sure they would be con
genial co-workers - and
I think every one in the
station, and in the Mission
would give him a hearty welcome
I have been speaking at Con

fences etc - quite frequently of late and I could have done much more of it, but try to keep on the safe side of doing less rather than more than I am able to do. The year is far too short a time to "rest" in when one has been away ten, the visiting one must do is not conducive to rest. I feel like either coming home oftener or never coming at all - I am not sure which would be best. Fortunately I was not broken down, so change will, I hope, answer instead of absolute rest - which seems to be impos-

sible. Elyria will be
my head quarters till
Aug. at least - anythin
sent here will reach
always. Hoping you will
understand my situation
and not think me unre
sonable in my request
I remain

Very sincerely yours
Clarissa D. Lawren

Miss C. D. Lawrence

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Rec'd June 12.

46 West Ave. Elyria, O.
June 9th 1890

Rev. Judson Smith
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

You doubtless received last week, as did I the unexpected news of Miss Lord's resignation. To me it came like a thunder-bolt from a clear sky, and I have to read her letter frequently to assure myself that it is really true. I sat down immediatly and wrote her a strong protest. It seems to me she must be induced, if possible, to remain till I get there, and can get

things started - I am at
great disadvantage in b
ing so far away, and in hav
been out of school this
year - If I were there it wou
be quite different, tho' ev
then hard enough -
I am not so well rested
as I ought to be, and I
was hoping to do my bes
resting the next two mon
but with this prospect be
fore me rest vanishes -
However it is not of the ar
arrangement of my own
plans and prospects, that I
would think or speak, but
of the prospect for the scho
To lose from the school
four of its most able tea
ers, Miss Lord, Miss McCall
Miss Blackler, and Effie

annum, all at once, is a very serious matter, and I think anyone would shrink from facing such a loss - The school has been in a sufficiently crippled condition ~~the~~ past two years, but the prospect for next year is, at present, worse still - I have been making great efforts to find some one to go back with me, but as yet I have received no positive answer or even hope - Several with whom I have communicated have expressed a desire to go but almost every one has some hindrance in the way of going immediately. It seems very short notice. I met, in Oberlin, a young lady, Miss Clara Ziegler by

name, who seems to me ad
rably fitted for the wor
and just the one we wan
but she is somewhat i
debt for her education
Were it not for that she
would be willing an
glad to go - and I think
she would be a very valu
able helper - as she is an
enthusiastic student, an
very self-reliant and ener
getic - I was much pleas
with her - Perhaps you m
have been spoken to, in re
gard to her when in Ber
lin last week -
Then there is Miss Ethel Me
calf, who lives just acro

the street from us. She would like to go to Smyrna with me, and I should be delighted to have her, if she were only a little older and more experienced. She is a lovely girl, but if possible ought to wait a year or two. Still Smyrna would be an easier place for her, in many ways, than many others, and if I can find no one else I shall apply for her, even tho' in doing so I shall go back on my oft-expressed opinion as to girls going out so young. I do not see how we can get on with-

out two new teachers, in ca
of Miss Lord's leaving. Ca
we have two, provided t
can be found?
Miss Lord mentioned on
of Miss McCallum's sist
as perhaps being able
go out in the fall - Ha
you had any communic
tion on the subject?
The time is so short, th
sooner we have defini
information as to the fu
the better. I do not se
how Miss Lord can com
home till we have at
least one new teacher
positively assured us -
I can do a good deal, but
not everything, and attemp
ing too many things mea
doing nothing well, as

know from past experience -
The Smyrna school has already suf-
fered enough from that
sort of thing.
I cannot be ready to sail be-
fore ~~the~~ last of Aug. or first
of Sept, and then at some
sacrifice -
I know this unexpected develop-
ment must be very trying
to you, as well as to my-
self - I should think you
would feel like giving Smyrna
up, you have so many trials
in getting the place manned -
Change is the order of life
in general, but trebly so in
Smyrna - where change has
so long been the order it be-
came monotonous long ago -
My father needs me ~~so~~ much
I should certainly have

resigned early in the yea
if I had dared – but I cou
not get up the courage, kno-
ing how much I was neede
in Smyrna. But now I al-
most wish I had, for I
feel as one might who wa
asked to take charge of a
sinking ship –
I shall be glad to receive
any light or suggestions
from you as soon as possi-
ble – Has any one been fo
for Miss Cull? I very mu
wish to know –

Very sincerely yours
C. D. Lawren

46 West Ave. Elyria O.
June 16th 1890

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Your letter, received this morning, greatly relieves my mind, for it would seem that Miss Lord would be persuaded to remain in Smyrna for another year at least. I hope, indeed, that such may be the case; then if Miss McCallum's sister is ready to go out this fall we

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ecides - I shall be much
bliged, as that will free
e from the necessity
f seeking farther for a
eacher -

Very sincerely yours
C. D. Lawrence

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Elyria, June 16, 1890.

Rec'd June 18.

46 West Ave.
Elyria, July 14th '90

v. Judson Smith D.D.,
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

ear Dr. Smith:—

Your letter of uly 11th was duly received nd I should have replied t once had I not thought hat by waiting a day or two I might hear from iss Lord and so know etter what to write. ccording to my expectations I have this morning received word from er that she will remain for the present probably for another year. This of course reli my mind somewhat. It is true that I hav not been feeling so we of late, as I would wis to feel, but I do not anticipate being prevent from returning to my work next fall. I have not called on a physician since bein in America, as I did no think it necessary, b I will do so and send you the certificate of his opinion as you desire. I do not think it will be unfavorab to my returning next year. I have not rested much, because when one has been away ten years, and has only one short year at home, the mere visiting one wants to do is enough to prevent absolute rest - especially when one's friends are scattered ~~at~~ as mine are. Perhaps too, I have done more speaking than was best but it is hard to decline unless one is positively unable to accept such invitations - My stay at the Seminary did me know-harm for my duties were light and I did not attempt the studying, which I so much longed for, from prudential reasons - I

was there to be with m
dear Cousin, Miss M. E.
Lawrence, who is mothe
and sister in one -
Since coming in contact
with ~~the~~ more advanced
methods of study and
teaching, I feel my own
deficiencies and grea
ly wish I could hav
another year in Amer
for study, which woul
I feel sure, make me
a much more efficie
teacher and worker.
But since it cannot
be, I must be conten
with what knowledge
I have, gaining here a
little and there a
little more, as opport
unity offers - The chang

from the indolent, conservative Orient, to the stirring, progressive Occident is, in itself, a decided strain on the mind there is so much to be taken in; such an entire readjustment to be made. To obtain absolute rest one should be shut up in a Retreat of some sort. But change is rest, and I have no doubt when I get back to my work again I shall begin it with new vigour.

Miss Lord says in her letter that they have decided not to begin school till

the first of October, an
so I shall feel less hu
ried - If I could carry
out my original pla
of not sailing before th
last of Sept. or first of
Oct. I should be glad
and I think I should
by that time, be in
much better condition
The Bartletts will, I sup
pose, leave early in
Sept. I should like to
go with them, but I
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I regret to say that I
have found no one t
return with me - Mr
Ziegler thinks, on further cons
eration, she would bett
not go out for the p

ent. I have heard, just this morning, of one who might go, and I shall find out more about her at once, and I will let you know of ~~the~~ result.

I have no idea that one year will be enough to recuperate Miss McCallum and I think she ought to plan, from the beginning, for two, and that we ought to plan accordingly. I am sorry her sister does not feel inclined to go out. I trust we shall find some one in due time.

I would like to ask about money allowed missionaries for outfit. I understood

Miss Clarissa D. Lawrence
Elyria, July 14. 1890
Filed July 16

from Mr. Bartlett that such allowance is made to those who have been out ten years, and I am in need of some refurnishm I feel like apologizing fo my poor writing which i miserable these days, be cause my hand is mor unsteady than usual, never being as steady as I could wish to have it - With many thanks for your kind conside ation of my need I rema

Very sincerely yours
Clarissa D. Lawren

46 West Ave. Elyria, Ohio
Aug. 4th 1890

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass-

Dear Dr. Smith:-

I have delayed writing for several reasons. I had hoped to have some definite news in regard to Miss Hattie McCallum or some one else. I wrote to Miss McCallum but have received no answer, I have also been corresponding with a lady in Madison Ohio who was recommended to me, and who seems in many ways well adapted to missionary work. My only doubt is as to her literary attainments, as she graduated only from the High School. She is thirty years old and has taught country schools and is said by her friends to have a very good mind, and natural ability. I hope to see her sometime next week and then I shall be better able to judge if she is the one or not. I think if Miss McCallum could feel like going, she would be very satisfactory and I hope we may hear something positive from

her soon - This suspense
is trying -
I enclose the Physician's
certificate which I think
is satisfactory. My ill
feelings are due rather
to fatigue ~~than~~ to any
disease - It is very hard
not to overdo - When I
get back to Smyrna
I shall doubtless
feel much better.
I heard a rumour to
the effect that Miss Page
was thinking of returning,
and that her physician
warranted her return,
but it may be
only a rumour.
I should like to apply
for the sum of $125.00

granted for refit since
there are some things that
I need very much.
I expect to be ready to sail
with the Bartletts early
in Oct. and I hope I shall
be in fair condition
at that time - I plan to
start east in about two
weeks, but do not know
yet just when I shall
be in Boston.

Very sincerely yours
C. D. Lawrence

Miss C. D. Lawrence
Elyria. Aug. 4. 1890
Rec'd Aug. 6

46 West Ave. Elyria, O.
Aug. 21st 1890

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I regret that I have no good news to give you, but on the contrary have to report that my efforts in regard to the lady in Madison have proved unavailing, since her friends refuse to be reconciled to her going, and she does not wish to go unless they feel willing.

I have done my best
to persuade her, but
her final answer i
No - I am much dis
couraged by all the
failures, and I do no
understand why it
should be so - I thi
it is the long term
of years that frighten
most candidates - If
it were possible to go
for three or five yea
I think more woul
be willing to go - I sha
continue my efforts to
find some one - If my
younger sister had bett
health I should urg
her going, but I doub
if she could endur
the climate, and th

strain that comes in many ways. She might stand it for a year or two, and still I feel doubtful about it or I should have proposed it long ago.

I shall leave this next week, but do not expect to be in Boston for a fortnight or more.

I will not draw the $125.00 till I reach Boston, as I can do my purchasing there. I shall make Reading my headquarters as before, at my Aunt's home—

I remain

Very sincerely yours.

C. D. Lawrence

Miss C. D. Lawrence

Elyria, Aug. 21. 1890

Rec'd Aug. 23

St. Johnsbury Vermont
Sept. 8th 1890

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

I arrived in St. J. aturday evening and found aiting me a letter from ny cousin Miss M. E. Lawrence t Painesville enclosing another hich I send with this to you nd which will explain itelf. I do not know what ou will think of the matter since Miss Gillson has onsented to go out for a ear. This young lady who

writes is a Painsville gradu
ate of the class of '89 and i
now 21 years old I think
She is well recommended by
the teachers as a willing
and able girl of strong
christian character, and
she seems to have nothin
to keep her at home.
You could learn all abou
her from Miss Evans -
The fact that the impulse
to go comes from herself
is a point in her favor
Very likely you may thin
she ought to wait for a
year - It is singular that
the proposition should
come just now - I think
the Seminary teachers would
have proposed her before

Miss C. D. Lawrence.
St. Johnsbury Sept. 8. 1890.

had they not thought she
was rather young - But it
is so hard to find those who
are older who are willing
to go - I am tempted to give
in on the question of youth.
I thought best to let you
know about the matter and
you can do whatever may
seem best.

I came from Ohio, by Niagara
and Canada, and had a delightful visit at Miss
McCallum's home in Maxville - What a missionary
family that is! Would
there were more such!
As I was late in getting here
I may not get away by the
15th, but shall be in Boston some day next week -

Very truly yours -
C. D. Lawrence.

Miss C. D. Lawrence.
St. Johnsbury, Sep. 8. 1890.
Rec'd Sep. 9.

Smyrna Nov. 29th 1890

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass-

Dear Dr. Smith:-

You have heard our safe arrival ere this from others, and I should have written also had I not been so very busy- I am glad to be here again and it did not take me an hour to feel that I am much needed - I only wish I were half-a-dozen instead of one - Miss Smith has also arrived and is falling into the work very nicely. I feel sure she is a

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valuable acquisition - I
wish you could have
met her. - She remembe
& you, having seen yo
at Painesville - She ha
been very cheerful an
brave in everything
and I admire her spirit
Miss Lord I find much
worn, as I expected she
would be, but I trust
she will have an easi
time now.
The school seems to me
to be in an encouragi
condition - The girls are
younger, on the whole, than
some years, but that is
not an objection, as they
are more pliable while
young - One of the gradu
ates of '89, is teaching for

is in Efdim Kharuim's place and I am delighted to find her quite wonderfully developed in christian graces since her graduation - she is a very good influence in the school - All three of last years graduates are teaching this year - one with us and two elsewhere -

We had a most enjoyable Thanksgiving this week - the day being a holiday, as is our custom. One of the pleasantest features of the day - was the liberality of the girls - They contributed money according to their ability - and collected from others enough to buy food for a good dinner for nine poor families - and their enjoyment in distributing

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the food was pleasant
to witness - I wish you
could have attended the
service in the church
where all the schools
were gathered together - the
Kinder Garten, the boys'
school, and ours - They ma
a good congregation, a
the service was very enjo
able -
The cholera seems to be comi
near us, and there are ru-
mours of an uprising of the
Greeks, but we do not anti
pate evil - if it come
strength will be given
according to our need.
Dr. Constantine's continu
illness ~~will~~ is a grief t
us all, and a seemin
loss to the Greek work

which sorely misses him -
There is so much I want
to do in the Greek work
which is so crippled just
now! And where can I get
the time for it?
Please excuse this hurried
letter, as I find it very
hard to get letter-writing
in at all these days -
With love to Mrs. Smith
whom I am very glad to
have met, I remain

Very sincerely yours
Clara D. Lawrence.

Miss Clara D. Lawrence. S

Smyrna, Nov. 29. 1890.

Rec'd Dec. 17.

Broussa, Turkey, Aug. 5th, 1891

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Last evening a letter was received from Miss Page, stating her desire to return to Smyrna the coming year, and her belief that her health is sufficiently restored to enable her to do so without danger. The same mail brought a letter from Mr. Bartlett informing us that he has received a letter from you in which you ask the opinion of the station as to the advisability of Miss Page's returning to work in Smyrna. We understand that you have also written Dr. Von Eichstorff for his opinion — The opinion of the station in regard to Miss Page's return is not different from what it has been for the past five years, and we suppose that opinion to be well kno in Boston, it having been several times clearly expressed by various members of the Station, both by word of mouth and by letters. The aforesaid letters ca doubtless be referred to, in case there b any doubt as to how we stand.

It hardly seems necessary to write anything more on the subject, and you can readily understand that it is a somewhat delicate matter for us to e press an opinion upon. We esteem Miss Page highly, and sympathize deeply with her in the disappointment it would, and must, be to her not to return. Still we can but wonder a litt that she dares contemplate it, when it has required five years' rest to recupe ate from the effects of three yea work. As she was the head of the school when here before, it would not be plea ant for her to take any other position, no would it be agreeable to Miss Lord t have her. Whatever her health may be at present, and we rejoice to hea that it is so far restored, she has not the constitution, and never had, to take a place of so much wear and tear.

Any teacher (American) in the school, bearing her share of work and responsibility, must be under a strain which is a severe test of nerves and fibre.

Then in case of Miss Page's return there would be three of us on the Greek side of the work, evidently an undue proportion. We greatly need a teacher who will take up the Armenian language and make a strong point of it, as we have no one at present who can use the language with fluency, no one connected with the school, and the lack is a loss to the school, not easy to estimate, since the majority of the girls are Armenians. To learn a language so that it can be used efficiently is a severe tax on the brain, and, as is well known, the younger one is the better for such an undertaking.

Vocal music and gymnastics are departments that need special attention and require some one who has had special training, such as none of us have ha Miss Lord, Miss McCallum and myself, nor wou Miss Page be more fitted than we for such work.

From what I heard while in America la year I am confident that Miss Page's ow relatives feel that she has not the constitution nor the temperament fitted to endure the strain of missio ary life in Turkey. If she returned we should be in constant anxiety co cerning her. I realize more, since my return from America, than ever befo what a peculiarly trying place Smyrn is in many ways. The turbulence of the Greeks is like a volcano, ever muttering, and spattering and threatening to swallow us up. Brigands, earthq and epidemics make life anything b monotonous; and to the question "Wha can happen next?" there is always some startling and unexpected answer. I am sure it will be a ve bitter disappointment to Miss Page not t return, but in time she must feel the wisdom of the decision. She can do good work for the school in America, work that will doubtless tell quite as much on the school as anything anyone on the ground can do.

Miss Smith seems to feel that she can stay in the work only the time agreed upon when she came out (or at most but three years) and while I know this will be a disappointment to you, personally I think her decision a wise one. She has done most excellent work, and given us good help—indeed at her age and with her inexperience I hardly see how she could have done better. But I still cling to my old opinion, that any young lady sent out should be twenty-five or over if possible, because ninety-nine out of a hundred girls under twenty-five have not acquired the equipoise, and self-control, the character in short, needed to meet and combat the peculiar circumstances—temptations I had almost written—of missionary life. The breaking-in

for an independent, high-spirited Amer
can girl can but be a hard one.
Miss Smith has had a taste of missionary
life, and if, after some years of grow
at home, if no other path in life has
claimed her, she would be in far bett
condition to choose this work as a perma
nent one and be successful in it.

I have wished for som
time to write you some facts in regar
to the Greek work, but have not accom
plished it, nor have I time today.
Sometime I hope to do so in the nea
future —

Hoping you will understand the
spirit in which this letter is writt
I remain

Very sincerely yours
Clarissa D. Lawrenc

P.S. Miss Lord has read this letter and approves
the contents.

Koola Aug 19. /91

Dear Dr. Smith

In forwarding this letter just rec'd fr. Miss Lawrence, I will only add a few words. My opinion fully agrees with hers, as I have written you before. Mr. McK. did not come till Miss Page had left & of course is not well qualified to testify in the matter & declines to express an opinion formally, though from what he has heard his judgment is with ours. Miss McCallum is not here, & Miss Smith & Miss Rutland know nothing of the matter. May the Lord guide for the best interests of his own work, & ~~his~~ his will be done, is all that we can say. We are in duty bound to speak our own convictions.

Fraternally

L. Bartlett

Broussa, Aug. 5. 1891.

Rec'd Sept. 8.

Smyrna, March 12, 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

For weeks, indeed I may say for months, I have been trying to find time to write you, but have signally failed. The letter I wished to write was one requiring time and thought, not one that could be scratched off amidst a dozen interruptions. But a suitable time has not appeared, and, I am convinced, is not likely to appear, so I snatch a few moments to write as best I can, tho the result may far from what I would like to have it.

A matron's duties, when properly attended to, really know no end from morn till night and from Sunday morning till Sat. night; and I also do some teaching and most the nursing in case of illness, and illnesses have been common this winter, both in our mission circle and in the school. Indeed since '92 came in there has hardly been a day, until the past week, without one or more girls in bed to be cared for. We have

great cause for thankfulness, however, tha
no case has been really serious.

The days are all too short for what needs to b
accomplished in them, and the burden of wor
that must be left undone is by far the har
burden we have to bear. In this respect ou
experience is but the common experience
of all missionaries, and doubtless of very
many who are not missionaries.

I wished to write you specially in regard to th
Greek Alliance, and I am well aware y
have been waiting for any information I
could give on the subject.

We realize the loss sustained in Dr. Constantin
death more and more as time goes on - Sti
it was evident from the first that his deat
would not mean the death of the Alliance, h
ever ~~that~~ it might be that while living, he
was the life of it. His long illness prepared
in a measure, his associates pastors and the band
of young men who had gathered round hi
for the final result which, till the very end, i
was hoped might be averted. Never, perhaps
was a man more dearly beloved, by those
whom, by the grace of God were led to believe o
Christ through his teachings, than was George
Constantine - He had wonderful power i
winning, and holding young men, He w
both father and brother to them. By a marv
ous intuition he always knew where each
one stood, and just what he needed a

any moment. If it is true of men in general, it is specially true of Greeks, that they can be won by sympathy (the very word is Greek) where all else fails, and Dr. Constantine was one whose ready sympathy needed no expression in words to be felt - though words were never lacking. That their love to him was a very strong bond holding the young men together was very evident. It is extremely doubtful if another man will be found who can do the same thing to the same degree - Perhaps it is not God's purpose to have it so - The thought has been brought home to many, that love and hopes were centred too much in the man and not enough in what he taught. For some all-wise reason he was removed from earth before the work he had started, the society he had founded, had reached the maturity and independence he longed to see, but we are sure his work is not ended - The seed he sowed shall yet bear much fruit unto life eternal.

And I believe the Alliance will live and come a Home Missionary Society that shall be a great blessing to the Greeks of Asia Minor.

During the two years of Dr. Constantine's illness, of course the Alliance could hardly do more than hold its own; for there was no leader to plan further work, or develop that already existing. And the year before his illness he was absent from the field on a visit to America, so it is really three years and over, that things

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have been somewhat at a standstill, so it is hardly fair to judge the Alliance by its prese condition; though, taking into consideration, a the drawbacks, even its present condition migh be found creditable.

Dr. Constantine had not looked forward to t possible decease, and so had made no plans for the future which others might carry out. Even to the very end of his illness he hoped to recover; even had he thought otherwise he would probab not have been able to do much in the way o planning, being very much reduced in stre for months before the end. His general plan and purpose in forming the Alliance is we known and can be acted upon. He believed that Greeks could be interested in a work that was formally their own, more easily than in a wo wholly in the hands of foreigners, and results show that his opinion was correct. People of a nationalities here in the East cannot be persua-ed that foreigners, Americans especially, have n unlimited resources, financially speaking, at their disposal and therefore it is difficult to induce them to contribute to a work among themselves when ~~it~~ carried on by Americans. This is espec true of Greeks — They are also very independent spirited, and will work far more enthusiastical when the work is in their own hands.

Though the Alliance is made up of working me very few of whom are really well-to-do in th world, yet they contribute not only faithfully but generously for the support of the work. There was no really successful work among the Greeks in this region before the Alliance was started, and the beneficial influence exerted by the Alliance on Greek work throughout Asia Minor has been marked.

Dr. Constantine's great desire for the Alliance was that it might, at the earliest possible moment, become self-supporting and his efforts were always to that effect, but opportunities for work came faster than funds to carry it on, so the assistance of the American Board has been and is still a necessity in order to accomplish the work in hand. The members of the Alliance are very grateful for this help, and at the last Annual Meeting Jan. 19, 1892 it was moved, and unanimously voted, that, henceforth, one of the American missionaries should be a member of the Alliance Executive Committee with full vote, and Mr. McNaughton was chosen for that office for the present year. It was felt that so long as the A.B.C.F.M. contributes to the Alliance, one of the Board's representatives should be on the Alliance committee, and I am sure all will regard this as a step in the right direction. In this way the missionaries will be in full knowledge of every step taken by the Alliance, and be able to express approval or disapproval - It will also secure a degree of unity between the Board's work and that of the Alliance and the one will help the other.

All officers, President included, of the Allianc are to be elected annually, no one person bein allowed to hold the same office for more tha two years in succession, tho' after a year's terval the same person may be re-elected if desired. The present president is Rev. George Kambouró'poulos, of Magnesia, the abl man at present connected with the Allianc a man of sound judgment, steady purpo and earnest piety, and one thoroughly respecta and esteemed by all who know him. Cautious almost to a fault, he builds his work slowly but surely, and on a firm foundation.

As pastor of the Greek church in Magnesia. has done, and is doing, a work that calls for the admiration of all, not for its brilliancy but for its thoroughness and stability.

On Dr. Constantine's death, it was thought by ma that Mr. Kambouró'poulos was the only man who could take his place in Smyrna and the proposition was made to him, bu he felt he could not leave his work in Magnesia. He has brought it on to this point and he felt, after careful consideration, tha a change of pastors there just now might injurious. I believe he was quite right in th decision and by it he shows his sterling cha ter, for many a man would have been te ed by the, apparently at least, larger opportun of Smyrna. As president of the Alliance he will make frequent visits to Smyrna a the needs of the work demand.

It is proposed that the various stations, Smyrna, Magnesia, Biendir, Ordu and Semen, where there is present work, be maintained as before, for the present year which will be a kind of test year, or rather hardly a test, when it will be seen better what the future is to be.

The present incumbent of the Smyrna pulpit is a man not at all equal to the needs of the place, and he is not to remain longer than the coming June, when it is hoped the right man will be forthcoming though we can not at present positively say who he is.

I neglected to say that Mrs. Constantine (her associate) Miss Sargent, and myself, are honorary members of the Alliance Committee as we have been in the _past_. We have _voice_ enough in all matters, if no _vote_.

Mrs. Constantine will continue her interest and aid, I doubt not, though her plans for the future are somewhat uncertain. We most of us live but from day to day without much knowledge of what we shall do, or where we may be, "next year". And this brings me to my own, I will not say _plans_, but _desires_ for the future. You have already had hints of what these are, indeed I expressed to you, when at home, my desire to be more at liberty to do evangelical work. My knowledge of Greek is of comparatively little use to me in school where everything is done in English, while

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there is absolutely no one who can do the work outside, which I could do if I were free - Mrs. Constantine has all the desire for such work that I have, but she has the language only very lamely which prevents her doing what she might, and it would be difficult for her to acquire it. There is an immense field for work among Greek women in Smyrn and a terrible need of it, but no one is doin it. The Greek women's prayer meeting has dwindle to almost nothing and those who might be brought in, are not, because there is no on to go after them. My present work in school confines me entirely, indeed even then I cannot do it as it should be don I live in a vain hope of doing somethin more "next week" or "next month", but such hope is a delusion.

There is work to be done not only in Smyrna, b in many other places, so that a month here or three months there, could be most profit ably spent by a missionary lady in command of the language.

Aside from my desire in the matter, I do n think school work agrees with me. With best efforts to the contrary, it makes me a times exceedingly irritable, so that I am far from being an agreeable person to b about. This irritability I well know ~~arises~~ is caused by the routine and "grind" of school-life, which tells on my nerves -

I should very much like to make a trial of the other work, for a year at least.

Would it be possible for the Board to continue my salary, allowing me to give my whole time to evangelical work among the Greeks? Of course it would virtually mean adding another person to our force here, since some one must take my place in school. For years we teachers have felt that there ought to be one lady to do this work, and that it would prove really advantageous to the school to have some one of us able to do touring. Very likely much might be done to build up the boarding department of the school, if one of us could visit the different places in our field and spend enough time to really advertise the school. I am aware that our asking for any addition to our force will be likely to meet with opposition both from the Mission, and from the Board. Still seeing the needs of the work we must ask ~~have~~, and, if refused, we shall be no worse off than before.

In case the Board did not think best to give the whole of my salary would it give a part? Mrs. Constantine so much desires to have this need supplied, she might give a part of my salary, if it could be supplied in no other way.

We are disappointed that Miss Hawes has failed

us, but it is better she should not come a
all, than come and not be satisfied, o
break down at once. Miss McCallum w
if nothing happens, return next fall, and I am
quite confident Miss Smith will not lea
us till our force is increased by one at
least. I think there is little doubt she
would be willing to stay another yea
and we should be very glad to have h

I do not wish to leave school if my
leaving is to make anyone's burden
heavier than it is, nor without the full
approval of all concerned, but the sub
has pressed on my mind too long for m
to keep silent. I wish to do the right thi
whatever it is. I suppose the matter wou
have to be brought up and discussed a
the annual meeting of the Mission in Ma
and nothing can be fully decided be
that time, but that will soon be upon
since it is already the middle of March

I began this letter Saturday and
it is now Wednesday. One would think
that I must have given much time an
thought to it, but the contrary is the fac
I have spent few minutes at a time, and
those far between, so if there is any conti
ity or sense in what I have written i
it's a wonder. I am inclined to doubt
if I have made myself clear, but I
know your time is valuable, as well as

own, far more so indeed, so I will refrain from writing further this time. I will endeavour, as you suggest, to take my regular turn in writing in regard to the school so long as I am in it. I trust some one may be found for the school soon, for even if Miss Smith remains, another will be needed if I am to leave, or even if I remain for the new-comer must have time to study the language and for the first year do little work on that account.

I shall await your opinion with interest.

With love to Mrs Smith I remain

Very sincerely yours

Clarissa D. V. Lawrence

Smyrna, March 12, 1892

Rec'd April 4

Smyrna, July 15, 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House, Boston - Mass -

Dear Dr. Smith: -

Again I have been a long time in writing you of my plans. The chief reason has been that I could not form any very distinct plan myself, and so could not communicate it to any one.

Mrs. Constantine's leaving Smyrna for the coming year, and perhaps for a longer time, makes quite a difference to me in regard to entering evangelistic ~~cal~~ work. Together we could have done many things, which, for various reasons, it is not easy nor feasible for me to do alone. The gentlemen of the station think it is not advisable for me to leave the school altogether, at present at least, in view of Mrs. Constantine's absence, but they

they are very heartily in favour of my having, if possible, a portion of my time free to work here in the city, or to make an occasional visit elsewhere for work among the women. This was nearly decided upon when the question of Miss Smith's return to America came up again, her friends refusing to consent to her remaining another year. They wrote so imperatively she felt obliged to concede to their wishes in the matter, and the news in regard to Miss Damon seemed to open the way for her to go, if I remained in school still. It seems quite clear that I should do this, for another year anyway, and so the matter ends thus. I shall still hope to do more outside work than I have done this year, because if Miss McCallum returns, as we hope, we shall be in better force than this year.

Your letter of June 30th to Miss Lord arrived here yesterday, and I took the liberty to open it in her absence as I knew it must relate to the interests of the school. Miss Smith and I were both much surprised to learn of her uncle's

statement in regard to her health.
It is true that she has suffered from headaches occasionally, and of late her throat has not been in a very good condition, because she has had to use her voice so much, having taught vocal music, as well as many lessons in English. But a good physician assured us the trouble was not serious and that she only needed to rest her voice. Her general health has been excellent, and she has borne the change of climate far better than most.
The headaches she says she has always had, and the throat trouble is not entirely new. She has given up none of her duties for either, and certainly does not look broken down.
Her friends are evidently very much attached to her, as are all who know her, and easily alarmed. Some expression in some letter doubtless roused their anxiety, though she cannot recall having written anything calculated to excite alarm. In writing to her they have

represented that she is much needed at home, and doubtless she is needed. Much as I regret her leaving us, I yet have a decided feeling that it must be for the best, for her if not for us, from the ways things have come about. She certainly has been invaluable to us, and it may not be easy to find one who can do so many things so well, but, as circumstances are, I think she is quite justified in her decision to return to America. Her letter to you will doubtless make the matter clear to you.

All members of the station except Miss Smith and myself have left the city, for the summer. The weather is very hot, and we may leave tomorrow, though I regret doing so and do not intend to stay away long, as the Greek work needs me. We have no pastor just now, and when I go there will be no one to play the organ for the services which are kept up by the brethren. I can bear hot weather better than most people —

Very sincerely yours

Clarissa D. Lawrence

Smyrna July 15, '92.

Filed Aug. 1.

Smyrna, Turkey, Nov. 25, 1892

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House -
Boston, Mass -

Dear Dr. Smith:—

It has been my purpose for some weeks to get a letter written to you, but not till now have I accomplished the putting of pen to paper. We are all so busy here, it is hard to say who is busiest, but it seems to me I have the least control of my time of any one - There is no end to a Matron's work, and I have some teaching besides and many meetings to attend. Smyrna is famous, I believe, for the multitude of meetings one can attend in the course of the week. But when things go prosperously one works with a much lighter heart, and with less fatigue and wear, and this is our case at present - Yesterday we celebrated Thanksgiving-day, and we felt that we

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had more than usual reason to give thanks, and rejoice. In spite of muc sickness in the city, and of very positive o position, our school is fuller than fo some years, and we have never before at tained so good a degree of order an respectability in all departments.

We have been marvellously spared from illness when epidemics have been rag all about us, for which blessing we ca not adequately express our gratitude.

Our domestic arrangements are much mo satisfactory than at any previous time, th improvements of late having added mu to our comfort, and contributing materia to our progress- The new water supply is a great blessing, while the kitchen rang is no small one, and we feel and expres our gratitude daily for these and oth conveniencies which friends in the hom land have enabled us to enjoy-

We have not come to the end of our wa by any means, but we are much bett equipped than we have been, and we dare hope for greater improvements i the future. Our hearts are rejoiced by an increase over the last few years in the numbers of boarders - We have twenty actually in the house, and negociations are in progress for three or four more. We may feel fairly sure of at least two of them I think. The proportion of Greeks among the boarders is larger than any previous year I believe, which is specially gratifying to me, as at present there is more call for Greek teachers than we can meet, but the girls in training give hope that the supply may, ere long, equal the demand - We have one Greek girl from Patmos, the first we have had from that interesting island, and her brother is a boarder in the boys school.

Yesterday was observed as a holiday by all our schools - As is our custom on Thanksgiving day, a prayermeeting was held at nine o'clock for the expression of gratitude, as individuals and as a school. This meeting has always been one that calls forth deep feeling, as one and another specifies her reasons for giving thanks - The boys school and the kindergarten had a like meeting at the same hour. At ten o'clo the schools all came together in the chur for a more formal and extended service.

The church was nearly filled to its ful seating capacity, and the sight of so man young people, was a very impressive and inspiring one. We could not but wish that yo had been on the platform to see the promising material in our hands. Surely it no small thing that some three hundre young people are receiving daily Bible instruction in this wicked city, to say nothing of other instructions. Including the Allian school, taught by our graduates, quite thre hundred children are under our influe daily, while still others are reached by the Sunday-schools.

I wish I could give you a living pictu of the school dining-room as we were sea at dinner. It was a chrysanthemum din and as cheerful a sight as one could wi too see. Our dining-room is a bright sun room, and the abundant white and yellow chrysant mums in pots and vases gave it a mo than-holiday aspect. There was no lack of food and good cheer, so no wonder the girls should think Thanksgiving-day a most welcome occasion. A trip to one of the suburbs, with permission to exercise their full lung power, a privilege not to be accorded in the city, completed the day's pleasure. We Americans, tho' by the way about half of us are Scotch Canadians, spent the evening by ourselves, a privilege we rarely enjoy in the pressure of work under which we labor, and thus finished Thanksgiving-day in a suitable and agreeable manner.

It is a great pleasure to have Miss McCallum with us again and to have her so well. But she has to be plunged too deep into work again for her own good I fear. Indeed we are all working to our utmost limit, which is not a very safe thing to do, but cannot be helped under the circumstances. Having assumed certain responsibilities the school must sustain them, be the force sufficient or not. I doubt very much if one ought to do more than he can, but I find it difficult to live up to my convictions on the subject. We are not allowed to think how much we *can* do, but how much we *mus*

I wish to tell you something about Alliance work, tho' you may have heard some report through others — I mean speci as regards the Greek work in Smyrna. We cannot adequately express our gratit that God has more than answered the prers offered last year for a man to take up Dr. Constantine's work. My faith, at least did not anticipate a person so fitted in every way for the work as is Mr. Xenoph Moschos, our present Greek pastor. I do beli he has been specially prepared of God for work. He was convinced of the errors of the Greek church, and converted to Christ wh quite young, and before coming under any Protestant influence. When that influence reached him he was able to accept it at on as what he had longed for — He took his college course in Athens, and then a theologi course in Edinburgh, after which he supp himself by teaching, and preached as he ha opportunity - thinking he could reach many in this way, who would be predjudiced against him were he employed by any worldly missionary society - He also published a little periodical called "Christian Truths" which has doubtless been blessed to many. In the present scarcity of Greek workers it was not possible that he should be left to pursue his own way undisturbed - He had many calls especially during last year when he was wanted in various fields, and surely was guided of God when among all he was led to choose Smyrna - in spite of many obstacles in the way. He has been here three months, and the change wrought is really wonderful, He is yet a young man, but has already attained a rare degree of spirituality. More plainly than words could do, his whole manner and life proclaim - "For I am determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified". One of our circle, who knows but little Greek remarked the other day "Mr Moschos has done me so much good, tho' I do not understand much of what he says - the sight of his face is enough".

He is the most simple and unaffected man imaginable, and yet most sympathetic a winning – I feel that a tremendous burden has been taken off my shoulders since he ca the burden of anxiety for the Greek work, and feel some years younger in consequence. I have also received very genuine and practi spiritual help from him myself personall and so know from experience what a blessi he is, and will yet be to many. One feel that pure seed is being sown which must br forth fruit in time to come, if not immediate

The congregations at all services have mu increased, tho' no special effort has been m and strangers listen with marked attentio The church-members have been quickened new life, and the outlook is very hopeful Mrs. Moschos is also a very winning christ and works ably among the women. Both know English thoroughly so, they are a welc addition to our force from all points of v I am sure you will rejoice with us in this happy issue out of our difficulties – On other hand we are saddened by the lo of one of our Greek workers who has gone into sudden and rapid consumption and is at death's door - When workers are so few, it seems hard to lose any, and this is a young man who has been preaching, but three or four years and who was very enthusiastic in his work. His wife was educated in the Brussa school and greatly esteemed by Miss Cull - She is delicate also and will be left with a child a few months old, and no means of support.

We rejoice to have Mr. Bartlett and his daughter with us again, as we missed them much. They have had some thrilling experiences the last few months, but have borne them wonderfully - and both have very evidently been blessed by what they have passed through

The McNaughtons are doing telling work in Manisa, so the prospect is encouraging all about us - We may well thank God and take courage - Miss Smith is warmly remembered and much missed - I should be most happy to see her back again some day, but I hardly dare hope for it - I have written in haste and made many mistakes for which I crave pardon as all writing must be done in haste.

With love to Mrs. Smith - Clarissa D. Lawrence

Smyrna, Nov. 25-92

Filed Dec. 20

Smyrna, April 29. 1893

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith: —

Your letter of Dec. 22 was duly received and should have been acknowledged long ago, but the days slip by so swiftly and monotonously I am surprised to find that three months have passed since the receipt of your letter. After the first weeks of the school year, when things are fairly settled, there is little variety from day to day at least to one who is in the midst of it all, and few events occur which seem worth writing about.

But this past week the usual monotony has been seriously and most unexpectedly disturbed!

On Thursday, April 20, Miss Lord received

news from home which made her fee
that it was imperative she should lea
at once for America, and on Thurs
of this week, the 27th, she departed.
For a week we were in a state of excite-
ment and confusion, more easily imag
than described. The news of her leaving
filled every one with surprise and sorr
and weeping girls and teachers were to be se
everywhere. It was a terrible ordeal f
Miss Lord herself, and we were all thank
ful that the time was short, as she cou
hardly have borne another day of it

Very providentially Dr. Reynolds, Mr
Nutting and Miss Daniels, of the Easter
Turkey Mission, came along on their way
to America, thus providing pleasant
company for Miss Lord, who does not e
joy traveling alone, and enabling h
to leave at once.

Now she is gone, and we feel as thoug
there had been a sudden death in
the house, leaving a great vacan
hard to fill.

We had known that we should lose h

at the end of this school year, and that knowledge had seemed sufficiently hard, but we had not anticipated this speedy departure. Under the circumstances, however, we most heartily sympathize with her in the feeling that she must go, and most cheerfully undertake to do our best to make her loss as little felt by the school as possible.
There are but two months left of the school year and we feel sure strength will be given us according to our need. Fortunately one teacher living in the school, Miss Vlasto, was not doing full work, and she is fully competent to take some of Miss McCallum's classes thus freeing Miss McCallum for Miss Lord's duties. I shall take Miss Lord's class in Moral Science, and one of Miss McCallum's classes, in addition to my present work, and I shall also share in taking up Miss Lord's miscellaneous duties. As it would be quite impossible for me to leave my present position as house-keeper, nurse, etc, Miss McCallum

will take Miss Lord's position as Principal
the school. This is agreeable to me on
accounts, one being that I still cling t
the hope that I may sometime be able
to leave the school, and take up evangel
tic work.

Miss Lord goes home not expecting to re
turn, I believe, but we all feel she wil
return before many years pass, as we a
sure her heart is here.

We are very glad to learn of Miss Harlo
appointment, but in view of Miss Lord's ab
we feel compelled to ask for another fo
we shall still be short in our force un
less we have another. Miss Harlow will o
course take up a language, and cann
therefore, do full teaching.

It was unanimously voted in trustee me
ing this week, to invite Miss Smith to re
turn, and I feel sure she would like
do so were she quite free to decide f
herself, but I feel very doubtful abou
her friends' consenting. Would it be
convenient for you to communicate
with her else, and so learn her decis

with less delay?
Miss Smith would, of course, be a greater help than any entirely new person could be, and we know how admirably she fits in everywhere, and how much she is loved by all, but I dare not hope very strongly that she will be able to come. In case she is not able, I would like to suggest another young lady whom I know as being consecrated to the foreign field, Miss Bessie Brooks of Elyria, Ohio, who graduates this summer from Lake Erie Seminary.

You will be able to gain all required information concerning her from Miss Evans, and other Seminary teachers. From what I know of her I judge she would work in well with us, and I know she is expecting to go somewhere in time. I believe she expects to spend the coming year in Mr. Moody's training school, Chicago, and I do not know if she has any chosen field. I am sure her mother, who is also a Seminary graduate, would be pleased

to have her come here, knowing me an
my family well.

We deeply regret that this school should be
such a constant care and burden to you,
and are very grateful for all your effo
in our behalf. I trust the time may com
when ~~you will~~ you will be able to rest
in the knowledge that the school is wel
supplied with teachers. My own disapp
ment is not small at the delayed pros
pect of taking up evangelistic work, but
since it is so ordained, it must be rig
and I will not complain.

There is but one girl to be graduated
this summer, Miss Ariadne Massaouti
a Greek girl of no ordinary ability, an
an earnest christian.

The attendance in school continues
be good, tho' we have lost two of our board
one to be married, and another from ina
ility to pay the required tuition.

We have reason to be exceedingly thankful
for the good health of the family and
for our many mercies. We have pursue
our work in peace and quietness, wh

There has been so much trouble and anxiety in the interior stations.

As you will soon learn from Miss Lord in person full and minute particulars in regard to the work, I will not prolong this letter.

I was so unfortunate as to lose the pen with which I have always written the past three years, and I find it difficult to write with any other. Also I have been interrupted *many* times which is not conducive to logical writing.

With love to Mrs. Smith I remain

Very sincerely yours

Clarissa D. Lawrence.

Smyrna, Apr. 29, 1893.

Rec'd May 16.

Miss C. D. Lawrence. 56
Torre Pellice, Sep. 12, 1893.
Rec'd Sep. 26.

Torre Pellice, Italy, Sept. 12, '93

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston, Mass —

Dear, Dr. Smith! —

Yours to Mr. Bartlett arrived here this morning, and in his absence I opened it, having permission to do so — I also take it upon me to write, as I doubt much if it is possible for even this to reach you before or by the 20th, since yours has been twelve days in coming here — Sending yours on at once to Mr. Bartlett he would not receive it before tomorrow noon or night, and so could not answer before Miss Harlow sails —

Personally I consider the plan for Miss Harlow to come with the Wingates a good one, as it wou not be very easy for her to com alone to meet us in Marseilles or even Geneva - Owing to chole in Smyrna we shall not be a to open school so early as usua as yet everything looks very uncertain. If Miss Harlow has no time to get word from Smyrna or to send word there just whe she will arrive, there need be no anxiety, as nothing is easie than to land in Smyrna, eve when not met - but the best th to do is to send a note ashore addressed to Mr. Gabriel, manag of the Smyrna Rest, and he wi

at once do all that is necessary-
Perhaps Miss Harlow can send from
Liverpool, by mail or telegraph, the
name of the steamer by which
they are to travel and then we can
be on the look-out for it -
expect to sail with the Bartletts
from Marseilles the last of this
month - I should have gone
before but for the condition of things
in Smyrna, which made it seem
t to delay - I am glad to be able
to say that the summer has been
very beneficial to me both physi-
cally and mentally, and I can-
not be sufficiently grateful for it-
I have enjoyed Torre Pellice
very much, and have been able
to do some studying that will

be very useful to me - Miss Bar
was far more broken down than I
and so is slower in recovering.
She really needs months in
to rest after the strain of the past
two years - Late reports from her a
more encouraging - I am sorry t
hear from Miss McCallum that s
has not been very well this summer.
The last two months of school wer
a severe strain on us both -
Please excuse this very hasty n
which I have written in a hurr
that it may go at once -
Please give my love to Miss Harlow
if she has not already left -
With love to Mrs. Smith

Yours very truly
Clarissa D. Lawrenc

Miss C. D. Lawrence

Smyrna, Oct. 20, 1893–
Rev. Judson Smith, D. D.   Filed Nov. 11
Boston, Mass–

Dear Dr. Smith:–

Yours of the 23rd of Sept. was duly received, but I delayed answering a few days to tell of Miss Harlow's arrival– She has written you herself I believe– The steamers are exceedingly irregular now, so we never know just when one is to arrive– After having been down, in vain, several times to meet Miss Harlow we had given her up, and were scattered in different directions the day she finally came, so no one met her, much to our regret, tho'

she, happily, suffered nothing
in consequence as there were
several passengers for Smyrna
on the steamer who were stop-
ping at Smyrna also, and who
knew the ways of the place
perfectly and gave her all the
necessary assistance, so that the
loss in not meeting her was ours
rather than hers - We had done
our best, and spent much of
time in trying to meet her - but
but the present state of things
is so unsettled that even the
agencies of the different lines
of steamers do not know often
when a certain steamer will
arrive or leave until the last
moment.

Our first impressions of this

low are exceedingly pleasant
and I doubt not that further ac-
quaintance will but increase
the pleasure in her society and
assistance. I trust also that
she will be happy with us.

The state of things in Smyrna
is improving, and the epidemic
is decreasing in a satisfactory
manner. Very few cases are reported
now, but it is exceedingly dif-
ficult to learn the exact truth.
Still people are returning to
Smyrna in large numbers and
the city begins to assume its
accustomed air of activity and busi-
ness. The streets were never so
clean before, and the city authori-
ties take wonderful (for Turkey)
measures for securing the health

of the population -

We have received permission fro the government to open our scho tho' the native schools are not ye allowed to do so, but we hav very few scholars as yet. Very l ly it may be a month yet ere we acquire our usual numbe

Parents will be cautious abou sending their children away from home, as they well may be - until all danger is past

In proportion to the populati the epidemic has not been severe, but the loss to business has been very great and ther will be much suffering in consequence - There has been but one case among the Protesta and that case resulted in death

we cannot be sufficiently grate-
ful that so many have been
spared - and we will trust for the
future. It is very difficult to
tell at present how many scho-
lars we shall have, but so far as
we can judge the out look is
good, considering all the circum-
stances. We have made some
changes in our staff of teachers
which we hope will be for the
better. I am sorry to say that
Miss McCallum is not so well
as we could wish - I feel quite
anxious about her in view of
all that she has to do, but I
hope when the weather becomes
cooler that she may revive -
We have quite summer wea-
ther yet, by day, but the nights are

comfortable - There have been
rains as yet, so the dryness a
dust are very trying -
Miss Bartlett really seems mu
better since her return, and bea
the change remarkably well,
for which we feel very thank
She seems disposed to be mod
ate and take care of herself.
Mr. Bartlett also shows the ben
fits of the summer, several ha
said that he looks ten years you
er, which is, however, some
of an exaggeration -
Mrs. Constantine has returned
to her old work at the Rest
which is a great joy to us all
She is an inspiration to all
know her -
You have doubtless heard tha

Mr. McLachlan has a son - the
first boy-baby of the station, as
four other children being all girls -
Mrs. Murray, née Miss Kirtland,
has also a little girl, so there is gen-
eral rejoicing that this latest ar-
rival is a boy -
have written to Constantinople
to see if Miss Isabel Dwight can
be spared from her father's home
to give us assistance this year, as
otherwise our force would be short
-handed. Miss Harlow would not be
able to do much with the language
as we much desire to have her -
she will take up the Armenian
which is greatly needed, Miss Mc-
Callum and I both speaking only
Turkish - Miss Dwight will be
invaluable help if we can get

her, as I trust we shall be ab
She would be a pleasant compan
for Miss Harlow also.

I find it very pleasant to be
back and at work again, and
feel very rich with all the pl
and memories of the summ
and the increased vigour of bo
and mind - I trust I may d
better work than ever before.
I shall certainly have enoug
to do, to occupy all my energ

This letter has been written h
riedly and with many interru
tions, so I must apologize for
deficiencies -

With love to Mrs. Smith

Yours very sincerely
Clarissa D. Lawren

American School for Girls
Smyrna, Jan. 18, 1894.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Your letter of Nov. 11th was duly received and I regret that more than a month has passed without my answering it. We have been not only busy, but of late we have been ill also, which has prevented our doing many things we might have accomplished otherwise.

On Christmas day Miss McCallum and I dined with the McLachlans, the Murrays being also present. Miss Harlow and Miss Bartlett went to Manisa to visit the McNaughtons and Mr. Bartlett was still absent on his tour.

We little anticipated on that day that so many of us would be taken ill that very week. The very next day I was taken with influenza,

and little Rosalind McLachlan with diphthe-
retic croup which would soon have proved fa-
tal had not the operation of tracheotomy be
performed - I doubt not you will hear
full particulars from Mr. McLachlan himse
so I will not go into details - While I was s
ill with influenza Miss McCallum was
seized with the same, and one other of the
teachers living in the school, and at the sa
time two of the masters who come in daily -

Therefore it was found necessary to close the
school for vacation two weeks earlier than ha
been intended - My attack was acute but
short and being in very good health I soo
rallied - Miss McCallum however was not so
fortunate and we felt considerable anxiety
for some days, as she was not strong to begi
with - I am very thankful to say that she
is now much better, tho' still weak, and abl
to resume her duties - Miss Harlow has escap
the influenza, but has felt the fatigue of nurs
ing the others and is not very vigorous - Severa
of the native teachers have been ill, and two

of our servants - We sent the boarders home, so far as possible and that gave us some relief - This week we began again, but the attendance has been small, many of the girls being ill in their homes - It was a sudden and severe epidemic which is still in force. The doctors say that some 12,000 persons fell ill at once, and the doctors themselves were several of them laid up and unable to attend to their work - There have been some deaths but not many in proportion to the number of cases - Letters from America report a somewhat similar state of things there.

Our school was doing very well when the epidemic broke out, and we had as many pupils in regular attendance as the entire number for last year - which was very encouraging considering all the circumstances - The number of boarders is smaller, but the day-pupils are more than last year - I am not altogether sorry to have less boarders, for with all these epidemics the responsibility is great -

Perhaps you have been informed that we

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have a new Greek master this year - our for
mer master, being an old man whom it
seemed best to dismiss - The new one is Prof
Euclides, who for fifteen years has taught
in the Central Girls School, the largest Greek
school for girls in the city - I marvelled
that he was willing to come (for he still so
times his lessons there) and still more tha
he was allowed to come - for it is not slight
thing to have the same master in their school
and ours - By his recommendation a bright gi
of fifteen or sixteen came from that school to thi
and then there was a great hue and cry -
Some 750 girls attend that school and when
one came from there here you would not
think she would be missed - But she was, an
they thought best to make her an example le
others should follow her - Both professor and gi
were called before the school trustees, before the
priests, the archbishops, etc. and were warned
and threatened - The girl must go back o
Mr. Euclides would lose his place in their
school - So the girl returned to pacify them -

But never had we seen such immediate results in a girl as in her - She begged leave to come to our church, she joined the Kings Daughters and the temperance society, and listened with eagerness to the Bible teachings -

Her own family did not oppose her, and she continued to come to the school on Saturdays and Sundays - This week she has come back to school again altogether and it remains to be seen what will yet happen - Mr. Euclides does not seem inclined to leave us, and sends his son to ~~the~~ our Boys' School -

Both our schools have more Greek pupils than ever before, and it is rather complimentary than otherwise that the Greek authorities are afraid of our influence - They have reason to be -

We have a Greek sewing teacher who comes to us this year for the first time, and she also is much interested and inclined to be influenced - From the Armenians we receive little opposition, and we have Armenian girls from very good families - very promising

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girls most of them. We long to see more taking an out-and-out stand for Christ, and we a praying for that - We are so thankful to ha such a good Armenian pastor as Mr. Tashji and we hope much from his influence -

Though he has been here but a few months we are already much attached to him - With such pastors as he and Mr. Moscou, we may well thank God and take courage -

Mr. Moscou is a rare man, and a rare christian which is more - and he is deeply interested in our schools, I fear he is working too hard, but there is so much to be done and he is so willing and cheerfu he refuses nothing.

There is great poverty here as elsewhere, a care of the poor has become so much a part of our work as a school, that it seems to b in the regular course - Sometimes it threatens to swallow up other work, but it is necessar and important, and the school has wo an almost troublesome name for benevolence - In this land, however, where there so much selfishness, and little thought for others, it is no unimportant matter that our girls should be taught to sympathize with the poor and suffering and to do what lies in their power to assist them.

This afternoon the Annual Meeting of the Greek Alliance occurs - We are very thankful to have a surplus of thirty liras Turkish in the treasury instead of the deficit we feared -

This letter was begun last week Thursday, the 18th, and it not finished on this the 22nd.

The Alliance meeting took place as was planned on the afternoon of Thurs. and when I returned home from that meeting I found two of my family down again with influenza, and I have not been able to take up the pen since - We have much to be thankful for that, thus far, no case has been very serious with us, tho' we hear of a number of deaths in the city, and many severe cases all about us - Miss Bartlett has been down with it, but is recovering - There has never been so

severe a type of influenza here before -
and it seems very contagious.

Miss Blackler is not able yet to resume the classes she was teaching for us, so Miss Mc Callum and I have extra work, and Miss McCallum is hardly able for it - We are hoping that our fourth teacher may be fort coming before long, because she is *very* mu needed - Miss Harlow we find a delight companion and a very able assistant so far as her strength will allow, but we feel that we need to be careful of her, this fi year especially, when a strange climate an new life must be trying at best. She is doing very well with the language and seems enthusiastic in her study. We rejoice in the prospect of having one of us speaking Armenian, as the deficiency has been much felt.

We shall never be able to do our work properly, however, until we are *four*; *now* s much has to be left undone that greatly needs to be done - I have almost ceased to think of getting out of school myself for even part of the time, to do evangelical work - I accept the disappointment as being "His appointment", as some one said, changing the d to H - All I can do now, and that with difficulty, is to assist in the Sunday School for Greek children under the charge of our Greek brethren - It is an interesting work, but fatiguing - This year our trouble is not that the children will not come, but that they will come, in such numbers that we have neither room for them nor teachers to teach them. Yesterday, for instance, we were at our wits end, several of the teachers being absent on account of sickness, and the children being especially wild and unruly -

This Sunday school is in quite another part of the city from Miss Bartlett's so altogether a good many children are reached on Sundays, which we do not have during the week - The seed is sown and we trust God for the harvest.

At our Greek midnight watch-meeting (Dec. 31 old style) six announced for the first time their deci-

sion to live for Christ, and three more ask
for prayers, as struggling for victory ove
self and sin, but not yet fully decided -
These were all young men or boys -
We hope 1894 may see more souls born into th
kingdom than '93 was privileged to see -
We also hope that retrenchment may not
be necessary, tho' it seems likely, for it i
so hard to draw in, when one longs to se
the work expand -
We need the prayers of all our friends, that w
may have daily strength and wisdom for th
work intrusted to us, and that a fourth te
er may speedily come to our aid, that w
may the better improve the opportunities fo
work open to us -
With love to Mrs. Smith

Very sincerely yours
Clarissa D. Lawrence -

Miss C. D. Lawrence
Smyrna, Jan. 1894
Recd. Feb. 14

American School for Girls
Smyrna, W. Turkey, March 31, '94
Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House, Boston, Mass -
Dear Dr. Smith! —

We were greatly disappointed to receive a negative reply from Miss May Dwight (daughter of Rev. H. O. Dwight) in response to our invitation to her to join our force in the Girls School at this place - though we appreciate her reasons for doing so.
We have been hoping to hear from the Rooms in regard to some one else, but hearing nothing we are impelled to make a strong appeal for more urgent efforts in our behalf. We are sure that we have your sympathies and that a full statement of the case will meet with an immediate response from you.

It seems very strange that with so many names on the lists of student volunteers it should be so hard to fill vacancies in a place like Smyrna, on the borders of Europe

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and having none of the privations of more dista and less civilized places-

It would also seem to us that, in case no o can be found to take up the work for life, i might be possible to find, at very short not several who would be willing to go for th or five years, and we assure you that it would be a paying investment to send one or even two in that way, rather than lose the ground we have gained for lack o force to hold it.

Miss Harlow's ill-health has been a great dis appointment to us, and a severe trial to herself. For six weeks now she has been out of school entirely, and she has never been able to do full work; it is not probable that she will be able to do much for the remainder o this school-year. She was not well when she came, which was a serious drawback, and renders the process of acclimatization the mo trying. An attack of influenza proved the "last straw" to disable her completely for a time. One of the best physicians in the city has attended her, and he assures u that there is nothing the matter with her but weak nerves; however that is rather a serious "nothing but" for a missionary. The physician also says that the climate of Smyrna is inclined to produce nervousness, a fact we have all proved from experience -

The first year in a strange climate is always more or less trying, and we hope Miss Harlow's disability may be only temporary, but it seems very evident that she will never be able to endure the strain some of us have stood, and will always need to ~~us~~ use care not to over exert herself.

However it may be we _must_ have still another teacher to meet, at all adequately, the demands of the work.

The number of pupils this year is larger than ever before, and the opportunities greater, but we cannot do justice to them.

Miss McCallum is principal and I am matron, both positions requiring much time and strength, but we both have to do extra class-work as well - and more work in quantity means _less_ in quality.

That is a scientific and practical state-

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ment that must not be overlooked.

One person's capacity is only just so much, strain it how you may, and increasing the amount of work inevitably decreases the quality. Miss McCallum and I do not complain of being obliged to do extra work - what burdens us is the work that remains undone or half-done.

The complaints of parents this year have man because there have been no classes in physic culture and the lack of this training ha been a serious loss to the school.

We had counted on Miss Harlow for this, bu she was not able to undertake it, and n one else had time or ability for it.

Very little has been done in vocal musi for the same reason, and the loss from th is also very appreciable.

Miss McCallum and I feel that we cannot continue in this state of things another year - Either we must have a sufficient force or else reduse the school to a smaller scale which with its present prospect would be a great pity. Too much has already invested in this school to permit any thought of giving up or going back. May we not hope ~~for~~ that some definite steps for our relief may be taken speedily? Going on at this rate it is more than possible that either Miss McCallum or I, perhaps both of us, may give out, and what then? We are extremely grateful to God that thus far He has granted us strength according to our need -

Miss McCallum will attach her signature corroborating these statements.

Very sincerely yours
Clarissa D. Lawrence -
Emily McCallum.

Smyrna, March 31, 1894.

Rec'd Apr. 17. 8

Smyrna, March 23rd 1895-

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Congregational House,
Boston Mass-

Dear Dr. Smith:-

It is a very long while since I have had the pleasure of writing you, and I fear I must seem very negligent in being so long silent; but, indeed, it is not from indifference or wilful neglect, but simply from lack of time. I *cannot* write letters, except at rare intervals, even to my own family friends.

We ladies have been talking and thinking much of late as to how we can lessen our work so as to have time for some really important things (of which writing is one) which are now quite crowded out. We have not yet solved

the problem, but we mean to kee
at it until we do find a solu
tion - I am quite sure we are not
required to do more than we can
do *well*, and when one is overwork
he can do nothing as it should
be done -

As you have heard already, our sch
is larger than ever before, numberin
over one hundred - I believe one hund
and twelve have been enrolled this
year, and tho' that may not seem a
large number the school-work is ver
complicated owing to the mixture of
nationalities, and the consequent multip
cation of classes -

We rejoice greatly in the improved healt
of Miss Harlow, and Miss Pohl is takin
hold of the work well, but both ar
studying Armenian, and allowan
has to be made for that - We are
very glad to have them get on we
in that language since our scho
has such a large Armenian consti
tuency, and Miss McCallum and

I are not able to speak Armenian. Now that our two associates are studying it, however, we also, without trying, are learning a few words and phrases, which may prove the foundation for something more in course of time.

Our boarding-department, I regret to say is still small. We had nineteen, but have lost three this term, so now we have but sixteen one of whom is pupil-teacher. We have about one hundred day-scholars and if we could have twenty-five or thirty boarders, we should be well satisfied, for that is all we could accommodate in our present quarters. If we could have thirty boarders we could run the school much more easily, financially, than at present.

But, unless something unforeseen occurs, I think we are likely to get through this year without increasing our debt, and I trust we may even have something left over. The needs, however, of the school are *legion*, and we know not how they are all to be met.

If our debt could be paid off we would strain every nerve to keep straight in future, and hope for the good time when the school wi support itself - That debt was largely incurred by calling in help when our American force wa short - and the whole of it would be less, if I am not mistaken, than the salary of an American teacher for one year, which we should ha had, had an American teacher bee found - Therefore we earnestly pra that the matter may be taken into serious consideration at the Room and that, if possible, the school ma be freed from this weight, whic rests on us heavily - The matter shou be decided before the Annual Meeting in May, and we sincerely hope it may be -

We have been greatly blessed this wee

by a series of meetings conducted by Rev. George C. Grubb, whose book on South America is mentioned in the Missionary Herald - He has providentially visited Smyrna and the meetings held afternoon and evening every day this week have been fully attended and much blessed to us all -

At least five of our girls have already confessed their purpose to live for Christ, and there is a marked interest among all, without any excitement - I think I have never seen so general an interest, and I trust we are at the beginning of a real revival of God's work among us -

Mr. Grubb will not be here long but I am sure that we christian workers have received an impetus that will not soon come to an end - that will *never* come to an end.

I know I have, for one - and I thank God for it with all my heart.

Two of our Greek girls united with the church last Sunday - Their mothers

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were educated in the Manisa schoo under Miss Call, and these girls sho the good results. One of them is only ten years old, but a very brig little christian, who can give a reaso of the faith that is in her, better th many an older person-

The Mediterranean squadron of the Britis fleet has been in our harbour of lat a very cheerful sight in these time and we have seen a good deal of some of the men who are christi

A man who is a christian on board a man-of-war must be a christia indeed, and while they are not many in numbers they are strong in faith and good works- These christia sailors, and soldiers, have spoken to ou schools, and in our church services through an interpreter, and their testimonies have been much blessed-

The girls, specially, have been deeply interested in them and stirred to better things - For all these outsid aids in our work we are very grate to our heavenly Father who thus strengthens our faith and our efforts -

In common with all missionaries in Turkey, we anxiously await the issue of "the Armenian question" which deeply interests us, tho' we are rather on the outskirts of the trouble.

Still we see and hear enough to make our hearts burn within us, and to long more and more for the time when this land shall be free.

We must pray more earnestly than we ever have done, that God may send deliverance to these oppressed peoples - and that speedily -

I have not time to write more, tho' there is much more I should like to write. Even in writing this I have had many interruptions, but I felt I must not delay longer - Trusting that God will grant to you and Mrs. Smith a full measure of health and strength

I remain

Very sincerely yours

Clarissa D. Lawrence

Smyrna, March 23, 1895.
Rec'd Apr. 8.

Smyrna, Oct. 12, 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House
1 Somerset Street
Boston, Mass

Dear Dr. Smith:—

We are fairly started on another school-year, and have had a remarkably good beginning. We closed school in June with fifteen boarders; we open with (22) twenty-two, and have two or three more in view. We closed with ~~forty-seven~~ (47) in the upper school, and we begin with fifty-five. The whole number of pupils now, at the end of the second week, is one hundred and two (102) and they are not all in yet, we know. We thank God, and take courage, trusting He will give us the needed wisdom and strength for the work He has pleased to give us to do.

Our teaching force is also, unusually good.

The ladies, who were in Germany for the vac-
tion, have returned much benefitted in
all ways. I am specially glad to see Miss
McCallum so well, as I was somewhat anx
about her at the close of the last school-y

We have a new teacher for our lower
Greek department who seems to be a re
treasure. She is an earnest christian; and
She has a diploma of the first & highest degre
from the Arsakeion of Athens, and she
is well up in gymnastics, drawing, and
music, so she is amply fitted to be usef
in many ways. Her father was a Scotch
missionary in Athens, but her mother was of
Greek descent, and as she was left an orp
at an early age she has been brought up in
Athens as a Greek by her grand-parents.

We have opened a Greek Kinder-garten
as Miss Bartlett takes only Armenian child
and it is in the care of a Greek girl, trai
by Miss Bartlett last year. As yet there a
but eight children, but many families
are still out of town, and it will take t
to build up this new department, which I
trust, will do well in course of time.

The Greeks themselves, have bought a place quite near us, and commenced to build a kinder-garten of their own, but have been stopped by the government for the present. They are full of opposition to us and our work, and will do all they can to hinder, but we shall have what measure of success God sees fit to give us, whatever the obstacles may be. Although Smyrna is so largely Greek in population, we have never yet succeeded in getting more than a minority into our school. The Armenians are always largely in majority, and this year is no exception to the rule.

It is quite a feather in our cap that one of the most prominent and honoured Armenians in the city came this month and put his niece in our school, expressing his respect for the school by this act as well as by his kind words. He was formerly superintendent of all the Armenian schools and is the author of many school-books.

Another prominent and wealthy Armenian who has sent his two daughters to

us (as day scholars) for some years, was ma
trustee of the Armenian girls' school, th
he might be obliged to take his daught
away from us, but the younger girl
cried so much, and both were so anxious
return to us, that he brought them bac
to us after school had been in session on
week. These incidents give us much
pleasure, and also make us the more
desirous to have the school be all th
it should be in every way.

We are all more anxious for spiritu
than for temporal blessings, and fee
deeply the serious responsibility that
rests upon us.

I remained in the city all summer
and did not suffer from the heat, but
the dust was somewhat trying. I superin
tended some much-needed repairs an
changes in the building, which will
greatly add to its convenience, and
will also make it more healthy. I am re
warded for my labours by the remark o
every one that "the house never looked
well." I could have done much more

had I dared venture on the expense, but confined myself to what seemed absolutely imperative. I do not aspire to anything more than respectability, but to keep the success we have gained we must be *at least* respectable, and that cannot be done without considerable expense. The wear and tear on buildings and furniture is great, in spite of all one can do. And we have never yet had *all* the furnishings that one would consider absolutely necessary, to say nothing of what one would like ~~that is~~ beyond the absolute~~ly~~ necessaries. On this account the measure of success we have, is the more surprising; it is not of man but of God.

The Alliance school in this city, is suffering great opposition this year. The Greeks have built a school and church in that quarter, and offer great inducements to the children to keep them away from the Protestant school. At present there are only seventeen in attendance, but I feel confident that others will return in time. Such has always been the case before.

Our Greek Protestants have been much disturbed this summer by the Baptists, wh have made desperate efforts to draw awa as many as possible, and have succeed with some weak ones, who are easily swa one way or another. It has been a tryin experience for the pastor Mr. Moschou who is most faithful and earnest in his works– These divisions *within* the churc do more harm than any amount of opposition from without.

You will doubtless have heard about t boys' school and Kinder-garten from tho who have them in charge, so I will not take time to mention them even–

These are days of much anxiety an suspense to all in these regions. We ar more than ever uncertain what a day, or even an hour, may bring forth.

The state of things in Constantinop for two weeks has been extremely serio and grows more so. Humanly speakin there is no safety nor security anywhe We hear grievous tales from many so ces, and our hearts are heavy for those

who suffer so sorely, and for whom there seems no way of escape - When will the day of deliverance come?
Will the christian nations never move? or is not the cup of the Turk yet full?

To those of us who see and know - it would seem to have run over long ago. But we are sure God rules and over-rules, and we must wait His time in patience.

I am obliged to write in haste and with many interruptions, so I beg you to overlook all imperfections in composition and writing - With kind regards from us all to Mrs. Smith and yourself

Yours very sincerely
Clarissa H. Lawrence -

Smyrna, Oct. 12 - 1895 -

Rec'd Oct. 29

Smyrna, March 7, 1896

Rev. Judson Smith, D. D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

It was my turn to write to you in February, but owing to pressure of work I did not succeed in doing so. We are not only busy, we are driven, and many things remain undone that ought to be done.

The larger number of pupils very much increases our work, while our labors among the poor and sick about us are constantly increasing likewise. Then of ocurse our minds and hearts are full of the sorrows of the land, and like every other mission station in Turkey we strive to do all in our power to help the sufferers by collecting money, clothing, etc, to send into the interior.

I presume you will have heard from

Mr. McLachlan and others, of the coöperati
of Gregorian Armenians with us in "re
lief work". We are on most cordial terms
with them, and they are clearly convin
of our sympathy with their suffering nati
& the prejudice against Protestants is fast
passing away. We never began to have
such opportunities for working among
them before. But now comes that
blighting word 'retrench', and what ar
we to do? The command *must* no
be carried into effect. It cannot be
obeyed. We must have not *less* mon
but far more than ever before, in orde
to meet the opportunities that open
before us. The prospect before this land
gloomy enough without retrenchment
in missionary work. In fact it requir
heroic faith to see any thing but desolat
and death in the months immediately
ahead. Human eyes cannot see any
light in the present attitude of the "Powers
of Europe and America. When will
the day of retribution come for these

merciless, inhuman Turks? Is their cup of iniquity not yet full?
There is one week more in Ramazan, and then comes Bairam, when, it is feared there will be new outbreaks in many places.

Here in Smyrna we have had several scares, but nothing more serious. Armenian individuals are killed every little while but that is nothing new.

Refugees are coming in from various places and we shall have plenty of work to do for them.

Miss Griswold's coming has been a very great blessing to us. She is very efficient, and just the one we need. We wish she could remain permanently, but her mother wants her very much to return home in the summer. Perhaps, however, the difficulty can be overcome.

Miss Pohl has not been at all well of late, and has given us some anxiety on that account. It would seem that some one of us must

always be on the verge of a break-do
Miss McCallum is better than two mon
ago, but she is never very strong. Like
good many other~~s~~ missionaries, she accomplishes mu
even in weakness. I am the tough o
of the family, but the strain of the prese
time is a hard one, and we all fee
it more or less. The apparent hopelessness of the present condition of thi
takes the spirit out of one.

We are glad to know that Mr. McNaughto
has reached Erzroum safely, and we tr
he may be preserved while there. Our
force here is much weakened by his absence, but the need there was greater

The King's Daughters' circle is prepar
for a bazaar to raise money for the
poor and sick whom we want to help.
As usual the responsibility and heavie
work falls on us teachers, but the cause
calls for sacrifice, and so we take it up
We hope to raise considerable money

There is no special news to write i
regard to the school. I wish we could
write of

greater spiritual interest than is at present evident. There is more of it among the younger girls than among the older ones.

Neither is there any thing new in the Greek work. There are some newly-interested ones, and many outsiders attend the services, but here, as in the schools, we long to see more definite results. Is the lack in ourselves, I wonder!

Our Tuesday afternoon workers' prayer-meeting is always a very precious season, and all the workers seem to live very near to God. The results must appear in time.

The "San Francisco" is still here, and some of the officers have become dear friends to us, but the Admiral is not friendly and his attitude on the Armenian question tries us exceedingly. It seems as if Satan had got control of nearly every thing. Perhaps it is because his reign is near its end. Let us hope it is so!

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We miss the Bartletts very much but we are glad Miss Bartlett is where she can have proper care and rest.

And we feel it is also much better for Miss Harlow to be where she is, as she is too sensitive to endure the strain of the present times in this land. She was a pleasant and valued companion, and a refining influence in the school, but ours is, I fear, too hard a life for her. We do not know what the future has in store, and cannot well make any plans for it, until the clouds clear away a little.

We know that the strain on yourself and others at the Rooms is also very great, and we appreciate all your efforts in our behalf- May God grant you strength and wisdom according to your need!

With love to Mrs. Smith from us all and kindest regards to yourself

Very sincerely yours

Clarissa D. Lawrence.

Smyrna, March 7, 1896.
Rec'd March 23.

Smyrna, Aug. 18. 1896

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith,—

It is some months since I last wrote you, and I feel that an apology is due, altho' it has not been from wilful neglect, by any means, that I have been so long silent. The past school-year was an extremely busy one, and the last weeks especially were so full as to render letter-writing quite impossible. I was also extremely tired and found it difficult to accomplish my daily tasks.

It was with great thankfulness that the end was reached without anyone of us giving out beforehand. But when it was all over, the girls despatched to their homes, and the buildings cleared up for the vacation, then all energy seemed

to leave me, the pressure being removed, an
I have felt incapable of any exertion.
Now after some weeks of comparative re
I am beginning to feel a little more
energy, and to make an effort to do s
of the things that have been weighing o
my mind, of which letter-writing is one
of the heaviest.

Doubtless you know from Mr. McNaughto
that I am spending the vacation with h
family in Caratash, one of Smyrna's suburb
We have a very pleasant place, but i
is too near the city to allow complete rest
as we have a great many callers every
day. The season also has been an unusu
ly hot one thus far, and so has made us
still more enervated. Last summer va
tion I spent in the school buildings in
the city and still did not suffer so mu
from heat, the season being a much
cooler one. However the summer is
passing rapidly and we shall hope for
cooler weather soon.

The attendance of pupils continued
very good to the end of school—it

was never better, and excellent work was done in all departments. If the moral and spiritual growth of the girls was as evident as the intellectual we should have little left to wish for. We were sorely tried with some girls from whom we had hoped better things. These disappointments wear on one more than all the work, and coming at the close of a hard year's work seem about "the last straw" to our powers of endurance.

But when we remember the antecedents and surroundings of most of these girls before they come to us, we cannot wonder so much if a few months, or even a few years, fail to make them all we would have them to be. When I think coolly I marvel that they are not far worse than they are.

Every year of my living here I realize more and more what an utterly corrupt city Smyrna is, and how many influences conspire against the spiritual part of our work. But I am sure that in spite of all discouraging inci-

dents, the good done by our schools is
far more than can be estimated.
We are ever striving after higher thin
and so are never satisfied with what
has already been attained.

We graduated two girls this year, bo
Armenians, who have received all their ed
cation in our schools, from the Kinder-gar
up, and we feel very hopeful as to their f
ture. One of them is the fourth daughter
we have graduated from one family
a family in which we take much pri

Our closing exercises were very fully
attended, and we felt again our very
great need of some more suitable
place for holding such public exerci
than our school-room, which will no
at all accommodate all who would
like to attend. We are obliged to issue
a limited number of admission ticket
and even then the room is uncom
fortably crowded, while very many
have to be excluded whom we we
would be glad to have present.
We are obliged to exclude the pupils

of the Preparatory Department in order to make more room for visitors, holding the public exercises of this department on another day. The Boys' School and the Kindergarten are in the same predicament as ourselves, there being *no* room large enough to hold the audience we might, and *ought*, to have.

Sooner or later some provision *must* be made for these public occasions, and we wish it might be *sooner* rather than later, but in the present straightened circumstances of the Board we dare not ask for any thing, but it will do no harm to make the need known.

The prospect for the coming year is good for the girls' school, so far as we can see at present. I believe we shall have more pupils than last year - quite possibly more applicants than we can accommodate, our limit having been very nearly reached last year.

Crowds of refugees are coming into Smyrna from all parts of the country

and among them many Protestants, whos
children will have to be provided for,
in some way, as day-scholars, no doub

Many things seem to indicate th
the coming winter may be an even
more trying one than the past, and considerable anxiety is felt everywhere.
But our trust is in God. He will
give strength and grace according
to our need.

It will be an exceeding great pleasure to me to have my brother here in
Smyrna - it seems almost too good
to be true. The way he has been led
to consecrate his life to Christ's service is quite remarkable, and an
answer to prayer greater than I
ever dared ask for. I sincerely trust
he may be the right one for the place
in Mr. McLachlan's school and that he
may be the means of winning man
souls to Christ in this city where Satan
power is so strong.

We miss the Bartletts much, and are
glad to know that Miss Bartlett is s

much benefited by the treatment she has received in Boston. However she must not be in too much of a hurry to get well, but remain in America long enough to get really strong and well - The strain on all now living in Turkey is such as to require abundant health and strength.

Miss McCallum has not benefited much thus far from the vacation and left yesterday for Constantinople, hoping the change may be helpful - Miss Pohl, however, seems to have gained much in spite of the heat, and promises to be in good condition for work when the time comes. Miss Griswold is at Proti in delightful company and will doubtless receive much benefit both mental and physical.

Trusting that you may have health and strength given you for the great work you have to do. I remain, with love to Mrs. Smith -

Yours most sincerely,
Clarissa D. Lawrence -

Smyrna, Aug. 18 - 96 S+
Rec'd Sept. 3

American School, Smyrna, Dec. 31, '96

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith,—

You really have much cause for complaint in not having heard from us for so long a time, and we very much regret that it has been so. In apology I can only say that this has been an unusual year, and the time has been so full we really have not been able to fulfill all our duties.

You have heard that our school has a larger attendance this year than ever before. The number of pupils has gone as high as one hundred and eighty (180) which is far more than we have had in the past.

We find our classrooms too small

and too few for our present needs.
The former gymnasium had to be made over into a school-room an our dining-room and parlour are in constant use, as well as every other public room.
We have an unusually large numb of Jewish girls - between thirty an forty - as well as an increased numbe of Armenians. The Greeks are much in minority, I am sorry to say.
The income of the school will not be proportionately increased as we cannot do otherwise than receive many girls at a reduced price owing to the distressed state of the people. It seems to us that it is quite right to make all the reductio we can in many cases, especially fo Armenians who come from the inter

Early in November Miss Pohl wa called to her home in Germany by the sudden and most unexpe ed death of her mother. At twenty-four hours notice she left us, and we were much crippled by her departure. She had returned to school this year in much better health; and her energy and enthusiasm were almost unbounded. Consequently her sudden departure was a very great blow to us, but we felt it was very clearly her duty to go to her father in his hour of great need.

By calling in two of our graduates to give us some aid, and dividing her duties among us we have managed to get along, but of course her absence has made a decided difference to us- Fortunately we have the hope that she will return to resume her duties about the last of January, as her father has most unselfishly insisted that she is not to give up her work on his account.

Miss Griswold, we fear, has been overworking as she has not been well of late, and for the past two weeks she has been quite

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laid up with influenza. We hope that it is over now, but she is much weakened by it.

About three weeks ago one of our boarders, Marianthe Polychronidou a Greek girl, was taken ill with bronchitis in a severe form, and before that disease was conquered typhoid fever developed in connection with it and she was a very sick girl indeed. Fortuna ly her parents were near and her mother was able to come to nurse her. Last week, however, she was so ill as to need two o three persons most of the time, Miss Griswold being in bed with influenza, Miss McCallum and I were obliged to run the school by day and nurse by night. Such a week I never spent, and hope never to spend again.

Everything that human skill cou do was done, but on Sunday nig about one hour after midnight

Marianthe's pure spirit returned to God who gave it.

Our grief was great, especially as she was the only child of her parents, and, humanly speaking, the one comfort of her mother's life - But we have the great consolation of knowing that no girl in school was more fitted to go than she, and we are perfectly sure that she is now "safe in the arms of Jesus"-

She had been in school for five years - until this year as a day-scholar - and she was a pupil nearly faultless - She was not specially bright, and had to study hard for what she learned, but she never gave us the least trouble nor had to be reproved. Two years ago she gave herself to Christ, and proved her sincerity by patiently enduring much opposition from her parents, who belonged to the Orthodox church, and by the uprightness of her daily life. During these two years her mother had become much more reconciled

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to Protestantism, and her behaviour under thi trial proves her to be also truly a child of God

Early in her sickness Mariantte expressed a feeling that she would never recover, and her perfect willingness to die if it were Go will. Later, when delirious, she talked muc of Christ and the angels and often repeate "I am going to heaven". We could not belie it was really to be so, she had always enjoyed such perfect health, and her life seemed so precious. But God willed tha so it should be, and now we can only trust that her death may be blessed to the school, and be the means of drawing many to the Saviour she loved.

As typhoid fever proves to be quite ep demic in the city, it was thought best t begin the winter vacation a week earli than usual that we might, if possible, be spared from other cases in school.

Accordingly we have had no schoo this week, and as many as possible of the boarders have been sent home.

Both Miss McCallum and myself are mu worn, but we hope to recuperate soon.

Miss Saunders is down with a mild form of typhoid, but we trust it will soon pass- There is one case also in the boys' school.
The season has been particularly unhealthy this year owing to continuous flooding rains and a mild enervating temperature. There are several diseases epidemic in the city at present.
The condition of the school up to this time has been most encouraging in all ways and we have had great pleasure in the good spirit prevailing among both teachers and pupils- The boarders particularly have been very satisfactory.

We trust that after vacation things may go on even better than before.

My brother is very well and has great enthusiasm for his work- Of course we enjoy being together very much, and I thank God for this great blessing.

I am at present just at the close of my seventeenth year of connection with the work, tho' I find it hard to realize that so many years have

passed. It seems probable that this ma
be my last year in the school as I a
now engaged to Mr. Charles M. Fry, an
American at present living in Fingsu

If you desire, Mr. Bartlett can give y
further information in regard to him

It has been a great pleasure to me t
give so many years to the work, and m
heart will always be in it. I hope so
one may be forthcoming to take my pla
who will be able to do more and bett
than I have done.

Trusting that you will pardon our not wri
ing more regularly, under the circum
stances, I remain with love to Mrs. Smith

Very sincerely yours-
Clarissa D. Lawrence

Smyrna, Dec. 3rd 1897.
Rec'd Jan. 18, 1898.

Smyrna, April 2, 1897

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith,—

Your letter of Jan. 18th was duly received, and should have been acknowledged long ago, but this has been an unusually busy and trying term and I have been quite unable to write letters.

The epidemic of typhoid passed with less serious results than we feared. All our patients recovered except the one of whom I wrote you in my last.

But the strain of anxiety and the extra burdens of those weeks left us reduced in strength, and Miss McCallum, espesially suffered, as I well knew she would. She went away from school for a fortnight, but that was insufficient, for she found it hard to keep about her work with a bad cough sh could not throw off. At last she came down with influenza and for two we has been confined to her room.

She has now taken a turn for the bett and as soon as she is able, she wil go to the McNaughton's pleasant hom at Caratach, for recuperation.

It is not at all probable that she can do any thing in school till afte the Easter vacation, which falls this y the last week of this month.

It is to be hoped that she will be sufficiently recovered by that time to get through the remainder of the ye

I have been on the point of collapsin for about three weeks now, and have simply held out from day to day be- cause it was impossible for us both to be laid up at the same time; and I must continue to keep up unt she recovers, as neither Miss Pohl nor Miss Griswold can carry any more tha they are at present doing. I am sufferin

very much from nervous depression,
the result, undoubtedly, of all we have
been through this year and last,"
and I fear nervous prostration by
the end of the school year, if the
present strain continue; However ~~but~~ there
is nothing to do but to hold on
trusting God for daily strength.

I feel now that it will be imperative for me to return to America
this summer, and I trust that the
change will speedily set me all
right. The political condition of all
this region of the world is so uncertain and all business so stagnant,
Mr. Fry will return to America also,
probably at the end of the summer,
and our further plans are quite indefinite. I shall wish to leave as soon
as possible after school closes, and, if
I could be spared, even sooner.

As I have been home but once
in all these years, I trust the Board
will be willing to pay my expenses
home, and also to continue my

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salary for a short time till I am
otherwise provided for.

As I have a strong constitution, and
recover easily when the chance is giv
I trust that change and rest will be
all I shall need, and I shall hope
to be able to serve the Board by
speaking or in any way possible.

My cousin, Miss Lawrence of Painesvill
Seminary, writes me they are trying
find some one to fill my place, and
Miss McCallum's friends are also on the
lookout, so it is to be hoped the right
one may be forthcoming in due seas

Miss McCallum must have a good
change and rest this summer, or she
will be quite unfit for work next
year, and I do not see how she and
I could both be spared.

I do not at all realize that I am leav-
ing the work permanently, and it
may not be so, after all - Mr. Fry's health
is so uncertain, only God knows what
the future will have for us, but I
am far from feeling sure that I

shall never return to ~~the~~ the work in Smyrna - Certain it is that wherever my lot may be cast, my interest in the work will abide, and I shall do all in my power to aid it.

I regret that I have not time nor strength to write much general news, but must content myself with saying that the school is in good condition, in spite of all drawbacks, and the general work affords much encouragement - Would that we were better able to avail ourselves of the opportunities that surround us! So much more *might* be done, if —

But we know we are not required to do more than we can.

With many thanks for your kind wishes, and for your efforts to supply my place, I remain

Very sincerely yours
Clarissa D. Lawrence -

Miss Clarissa D. Lawrence

Smyrna, April 2-1897

Rec'd April 20

Miss Clarissa D. Lawrence

16 West Ave.
Elyria Ohio

Rec'd June 21

Dear Dr. Smith:-

You have doubtless been informed of my sudden departure from Smyrna and the reasons for the same.

I arrived in New York June 6th and very much regret that I felt unable to go on to Boston, or even to see any one of the Board in New York.

Feeling that I must get to my destination as soon as possible, I came on to

Elyria - I have consulted
the family physician
and the enclosed state-
ment gives his opinion
of my condition -
He tells me that it is necessa-
ry that I should have at
once and for some time,
the treatment obtainable
only at a sanitorium and
I have decided to go to Clifton
Springs N.Y. where Miss
Bartlett is to be for a time
I have sent a statement of
my travelling expenses to
Mr. Wiggin and trust my
salary may be continued
for awhile - as I wrote you
in a previous letter -

Any letters or communications please address to me here at 46 West Ave. Elyria until further notice

Regretting much my worn out condition, and the necessary rest and treatment it necessitates -

Sincerely Yours -

Clarissa D. Lawrence

June 17th 1897

per her sister

M. L. Fay

To whom it may concern
This is to certify, that
Miss Clara D. Lawrence is
suffering from neurasthenia
caused by overwork, & needs
rest & treatment for some
time.

O. T. Maynard M. D.

Elyria O. June. 14/97

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LAKE ERIE COLLEGE
AND SEMINARY,
PAINESVILLE, OHIO.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House
Boston, Mass-

Dear Dr. Smith, -

Ever since hearing of your return from China I have had it in mind to write to you. But during August I had charge of the College correspondence and visitors, in the absence of all the teachers, and that kept me quite busy - I have continued to help Miss Evans and Miss Bentley, at their request, until now, and last week the College opened very propitiously.

First of all I want to congratulate you on your safe return from what must have been an arduous and somewhat dangerous tour – All we missionaries, I know, feel very grateful for all you were able to accomplish on that tour and for your safe return to your important post in Boston. I trust your health has not suffered, and that you take up your work again with a good measure of strength to meet the strain it must involve –

You will have learned through Mr. Bartlett of my improved health, and my change of plans –

An urgent invitation came to me last spring from

Miss Webb of Adana, asking me to come there and take charge of the Greek department as soon as my health would permit. I have considered this invitation and intimated to the W.B.M.I. my willingness to go to Adana.

Of course it is difficult for me to think of myself as being anywhere but in Smyrna, after the many years I have spent there so happily, but I have received no intimation from the station that my return there is desired, and as this offer, or rather appeal, from Adana has come, I can but consider it a providential call, and as such I should be glad to accept it.

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PAINESVILLE, OHIO.

I should find it hard to give up missionary work abroad and have never considered such a possibility, tho' my friends (many of them) urge me to do so - And I am deeply enough interested in the work as a whole to be willing to go anywhere, tho it may take a long time to become really weaned from Smyrna -

But the question at present is, am I able to go to Adana at once, or soon? All my friends say no, very decidedly, and I am in doubt myself - I am very much better, but of course if I could wait till next summer, it would be much the best for me in the long run - there is no question about that.

Last year I just existed, and

now that I am better, I realize into what a miserable state of body and mind I had fallen. The doctor, who knows me best, advises me to "make haste slowly" about going back to work.

When Miss Webb wrote me last spring, there was nothing said of the Meads leaving, and it was supposed the two Misses Webb would be there for the coming year. Now the Meads are gone and Miss Mary Webb also. What is Miss Lizzie Webb to do left all alone? I feel like starting to her relief at once.

But all my counselors (and they are wise christian people) say that I should be running a very great risk to undertake so difficult a position as that would be, in a place quite new to me, climate not very healthy, hen I have so recently recovered from what was really a very serious condition.

I am very deeply concerned for Miss Webb, and anxious to know what help can be sent to her. Is any family going to take the Mead's place? I can get no information on the subject, and so trouble you thinking you must know what plans are on foot.

I could not sail before December anyway, and *it* is doubtful if I ought to go there—under all the circumstances. Will you kindly give me your opinion on the subject? I am quite perplexed to know what I ought to do. (over)

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am -

Very sincerely yours.

Clara D. Lawrence

LAKE ERIE COLLEGE
AND SEMINARY,
PAINESVILLE, OHIO.

P.S. I heard the other day, much to my surprise that a new man, a married man, was about to sail for Smyrna to be in the Boys School.

I had heard nothing of such a move's being made, and I do not think Mr. Bartlett knew anything of it - I have always hoped that when the school was able to pay the salary of a married man, such salary would be offered my brother who is deeply interested in the school, and would be glad to remain in it could he have sufficient salary to enable him to marry and settle there - Now this step has been taken, of course, he will not feel able to remain longer than to get the new man broken in - I had supposed my brother had given good satisfaction in his work, and I know he loves it with all his heart - There is doubtless some explanation of which I am ignorant - Please do not preserve this postscript

Miss Clarissa D. Lawrence

Painesville, O.

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Athens, Greece.

Jan. 15, 1890.

Dr. Smith, Rec'd Feb. 4

Dear Sir:-

Your kind letter I received nearly two months ago, but have waited for vacation for an opportunity to answer it.

Miss McCallum has not been at all well this year, and her weak condition has shown itself in a lame knee which has proved quite obstinate. It is now nearly four months since she has been able to walk, and we felt she must have a complete rest and change in the holidays. For that reason we both came to Athens for the vacation. The last few days she has been gaining, and we feel encouraged to hope that, by resting from her school duties for a few weeks more, she may recover entirely.

Our first semester closed with the semi-yearly examinations just before vacation. On the whole we felt unusually well pleased with the progress of the girls, and their improvement in every way. We ha now eighty-four girls, seventeen of the boarders. Among them are ten Jewe one Armenian who is a niece of the director of the large Gregorian school opposite us, and also daughters of two of the most influential Armeni trustees of their own school.

We feel especially happy at the good news we receive from our girl who are teaching. Two of the last year's graduates are doing good wor one in the Alliance School in Smyr and one in the Mission School in Adana. They seem very happy an earnest in their work.

Two others, not graduates, are teaching, one at Marsovan and one at Ordou. They both write of th interest among their pupils in the Bible study and prayer-meetings, and how delightful their work is to them.

We have had special advantag this week in Athens, as the permanent Director of the American Schoo here has just begun a series of lectures on Greek Art. They have been delivered some at the Museum and some on the Acropolis. I have enjoyed attending them exceedingly.

We have been so fortunate as to get board in Dr. Kalopathakes' family, and found it very delightful to become acquainted with them and to see and hear something of their work. [They have a new church at the Piraeus in which they are much interested, but they are still over two thousand dollars in debt for it and are straining every nerve to pay the debt.

From what Miss Lawrence writes, we fear her return next year is quite uncertain. We have begged her to decide at once so that arrangements may be made to send us someone in her place. I proposed to her that she suggest to you the name of Miss McCallum's sister, whose address I gave her, in case she finds she must give up the idea of coming back to us herself.

It would not be possible for Miss McCallum to give up her

rest in America next year, and I
do feel very strongly that we mus
keep our corps of teachers unbroken
(in numbers) for the sake of the
sake of the school itself. We have
all been suffering this year on acco
of the strain on the teachers last yea
when they were short of help.

But I do not need to say thi
for I know that you feel our nee
as we do ourselves. I only fear yo
will weary of our continual call fo
teachers; but we seem very unfortun
in those who go to America return
no more.

As there will be other changes
among the native teachers next yea
I feel very anxious that all the ne
helpers should be secured in tim

Miss McCallum thinks it possib
her sister might consider the ques
of coming, and I have mentioned
thinking it might save delay.

Her address is,

Miss Harriet McCallum,
C/o Mr. James McEwen,
Postville,
Iowa.

Miss McCallum joins with me in
love to Mrs. Smith, and kind rega
to you.

Sincerely yours,
Agnes M. Lord.

Smyrna, Turkey,
May 17, 1890.

Dr. Smith,
Dear Sir:–

I am exceedingly sorry to write what I feel it is my duty to say this morning, that is, that I must resign my position as assistant missionary under the American Board.

The reason which compels me to take this step is that I am needed at home. Since my Mother's late illness I feel it is absolutely necessary that there should be some one who can be at home with her more than it is possible for either of my sisters, with their duties, to be.

I fear you will think it would have been better for me to have come to this decision last year instead of returning to Smyrna for so short a time. It was urged upon me then by many of my friends

but the needs of the school seeme
so great then I felt I must retu
But now I realize that my Moth
will be growing more in need o
care each year, and as Miss Lawren
who has had experience, will be he
next year, and as we have good ho
that Miss McCallum's sister ma
be induced to come, the school wil
be provided for; and after most
earnest prayer for guidance I fe
persuaded that it is my duty t
go home.

As my plan is to try to get
a few piano pupils, which will
occupy a part of my time & still n
take me away from the house, I
fear it will be necessary for me t
leave here as soon as school clo
July 1st., that I may be able to
make arrangements to begin in th
fall. Do you not think Miss
Lawrence could be back at the
beginning of the school year?

I will write her myself in
regard to my plans.

I need not say how hard
it is for me to give up my wor
here, but doubtless it is best

not only for myself but for the school, if it is God's will.

We have just finished our summer examinations, which passed off pleasantly. We feel quite happy in the progress which the pupils have made this year.

Very sincerely,

Agnes M. Lord.

Miss Agnes Lord

Smyrna, May 17, 1890.

Rec'd ~~May~~ June 2

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Smyrna,
May 30, '90.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:—

At the Annual Meeting the Mission passed a vote asking for another missionary to be sent out to the school in case I should feel obliged to leave at the end of the year. They preferred stating it in that way as Mr. McNaughton hoped that some change in circumstances might lead to a change in my plans. I do not see how it is possible for any such change to take place, and it would be a great relief to me to know as soon as possible whether I may leave here at the close of school, the first of July, as other people's plans are involved in mine.

If you think it would be right for me to leave here at that time, will you be so kind as to send me a telegram (for which I will pay) saying, "Come"; or, if they charge for the letters, simply, "C." would be enough.

I can then know a week before the close of school, and shall be able to arrange with Miss McCallum.

We have not yet supplied the place of matron and Armenian teacher which will be vacant next year, but are in communication with one who we hope may accept, and with whom we feel we shall be well satisfied.

I have written to Miss Lawrence, and trust she can come for the beginning of school.

Perhaps I should have written also to the Woman's Board about the matter of leaving, but as Mrs. Smith is the President I thought it might not be necessary.

Very respectfully,
Agnes M. Lord.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Smith.

Miss Agnes M. Lord S

Smyrna, May 30, 1890.

Rec'd June 16.

Smyrna, Turkey.
June 28.'90.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of the 3rd inst. this week. I have also received several from my Mother begging me not to return to America on her account.

Although I felt very strongly that it was my duty to be with my Mother, yet in view of her distress at the thought of my giving up the work here on her account, it seems to me I ought at least to take more time to consider it. She writes me that her health is better, and that she has been able to make somewhat different and pleasant arrangements for next year.

I will then, if you will allow me, withdraw my resignation

for the present, and beg you will excuse me for causing you this unnecessary anxiety about the school.

We closed this year with our graduating exercises last evening. We feel especially happy in sending out these three graduates as they are all good Christian girls, and engaged to teach next year. One of them in our own school, in the Primary Department; one in her own native city, Aphion Kara Hissar; and one in Eodemish.

We have decided not to open school until Oct. 1st, and if the change does not seem an injury to the school we can make it permanent.

Mr. McNaughton has left this morning for Sparta, and I expect to spend my summer there also. Miss McCallum leaves to-day also, for America. Her plans are not yet quite matured, but she expects to go by way of Vienna. She wishes to send her kind regards, and to say that she intended to visit before leaving but she was so busy she could not find time to do so.

Very respectfully
Agnes M. Lord.

Miss Agnes M. Lord

Smyrna, June 28, 1890

Filed July 16

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Miss Agnes M. Lord

Rec'd Aug. 19

Sparta, Turkey.
July 28. '90.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:-

Your letter written June 16th I received two or three weeks ago. As you said only "answer" in the cablegram, we did not feel quite sure whether you wished the answer by post or cable; and so, to avoid expense, thinking also you would understand that I would not leave Smyrna under the circumstances, at least without further instructions, & answered by next mail. I hope the delay did not cause you any inconvenience.

From Miss Lawrence's letters

we understand that she has not yet found any one who seems to be exactly the person for our school. Mr. & Mrs. McNaughton and I have talked the matter over together, and, if you will allow me, I should like very much to make a suggestion.

Mrs. McNaughton's sister, Miss Jennie Jillson, has been teaching, but is free this year. She graduated from Andover two years ago, had a year's special training in the School of Oratory in Boston, and in the method of teaching Vocal Music under Prof. Holt. Last year she taught these branches with Literature and other classes in a Seminary in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. At the close of the year they offered her an increase of salary and the highest classes if she would return, but she wished to be nearer her friends.

Mrs. McNaughton has thought perhaps she might come out here for a year, and so fill up the gap until just the suitable teacher might be found for a permanent supply. For one coming for only one year of course the Board would not assume the same expense as for a regular teacher; but we thought if her expenses one way and such a salary such as we would give to help obtained here on the ground, which is only a little more than half the salary of an American teacher, could be offered her, perhaps she would be glad to come out for the sake of being with her sister.

If Miss Lawrence does not find anyone, and if you think best to write Miss Jillson, her address is,

Miss Jennie Jillson,
C/o Mrs. Thomas Breck,
9 Keene St.,
Providence.

Miss Jillson has had special training in gymnastics too. It seems as if she had exactly the qualifications which we need.

We have been in Sparta three or four weeks, and find the people very glad to have us visit them. Indeed we have not time or strength to accept all the invitations which we receive.

The first Sunday we had an audience of one hundred and fifty on our veranda both morning and aft.; but the Greek Bishop has anathematized us, and threatened all who attend our services with a fine — the rich a Turkish pound and the poor a medjidie
($7.88.) We have still from twenty to forty very attentive listeners.

With sincere regards,
Respectfully yrs.,
Agnes M. Lord.

Smyrna, Turkey.
Mch. 14, '91.

Dr. Smith,
Dear Sir:–

I ought long ago to have answered your kind note bringing the welcome news about the appropriations. I need not tell you how much they rejoiced our hearts.

The seats for the primary school have arrived this week and look very neat and pretty. We are truly grateful for them. But they have sent us twice the number which Mr. McNaughton asked for and no settees. There seems to have been a mistake about it in some way; as Mr. McN. wrote for seats for twenty-four and twelve settees, instead of which they sent seats for fifty and no settees. If it is not asking too much perhaps we could have the settees still before next fall? But one half dozen would be quite enough.

now that we have the extra supply of desks, as we can use desks instead of settees in the recitation rooms. But we do very much need six, as those we have are all broken, and they are very expensive and clumsy and poor made here. We had them only a few weeks before they began to give out. If we could have some such as Mrs. Newell had sent out for her Sabbath School, we should be very thankful.

There is no special news in Smyrna. Mrs. McNaughton has gone to Serakeui, a village about seven hours from here, for a change and rest, as she was quite worn.

We have had an unusually quiet and pleasant year in school, and one more free from sickness than we have ever known. Miss Lawrence has brought fresh life with her, and Miss Smith is a great help and comfort to us. She has taken hold of the work in a most efficient way and willing spirit, and has been very well considering that this is her first year, and everything is new to her.

We are having beautiful spring weather, the fields are full of daisies and anemones. Miss Borden is in Constantinople and we hope will make us a visit before returning to America.

With kind regards to yourself and to Mrs. Smith.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes M. Lord.

Miss Agnes M. Lord,
Smyrna, March 14. 1891
Rec'd Mar. 30

Smyrna, Turkey.
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Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter in regard to Miss Powers last week. As Miss Kirtland's connection with the school ceased at the time of the Christmas vacation, and as we could not get along without some one in her place, we had already engaged one of our old pupils to come for the remainder of the year; and she had already begun her work when your letter came.

While she cannot, of course, fill the place of an American teacher, she can do all of Miss Kirtland's work in the school room, and the other responsibilties we will divide among us.

Miss Lawrence has not been so strong as usual this year, but she thinks she will be able to go through until summer. She intends writing you, I believe, in regard to her desire to change her work next year.

In regard to Miss Harres, if it is thought best for her to wait until fall, we can, I trust, manage quite well for the rest of this school year with our present arrangements. If Miss Lawrence should be transferred to the Greek Alliance we should need some one for her place also. I had hoped that Miss Rawlings might be able to come by another year.

There are many cases of sickness about us, but we have been quite free in school, with the exception of one of the teachers, who has had scarlet fever and is in quarantine for forty days. We were able, fortunately, to supply her place with one of our graduates, very satisfactorily. We have now four of our own pupils teaching

and they are doing

in our school, and they are doing admirably. It is a great pleasure to us to find our own girls able to take their places as teachers and exert such a good influence.

With kind regards,

Very respectfully yrs,

A. M. Lord.

Miss Agnes M. Lord.
Smyrna Jan. 30, 1892.
Rec'd Feb. 16.

Smyrna, Turkey.
March 12, 1892.

Dr. Smith,
Dear Sir:—

Your letter of Feb. 16th reached me yesterday. We were prepared for the news in regard to Miss Harris, as Mr. McNaughton had received your letter a few days previously, and I had also heard through my sister that she had given up all thought of coming. Certainly it is most difficult to supply vacancies in the foreign work, but I trust some will be found who are willing and able to come.

Miss Lawrence has been intending to write about her wishes and plans, but is, I think, waiting to understand more clearly *exactly* what the Alliance is ready to do in the matter.

I am very sorry that we have been remiss in keeping you informed about the school this year. Miss Lawrence has not had time or strength to write any letters whatever, and Miss Smith has not felt as if she could. We have all of us had so much to absorb us this year, I hope you will pardon it. We have scarcely had a moment free from anxiety. Last week for several days Mrs. McNaughton's little one was wavering between life and death. On Sunday she began to rally and we have reason to hope now she will recover. Mr. McLachlan has been quite ill with the influenza, and is still very weak. I think perhaps it is especially true on missionary ground, where we are so few and so closely drawn together, that, "Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

As a school we have great reason for thankfulness that we have been spared any serious illness. With the exception of one of the teachers, who had to be quarantined for forty days with scarlet fever, we have been comparatively free from sickness.

We have about the same number of pupils as last year, but each year, especially this, we are getting a better class of girls, older and more intelligent. We have now eighty-eight on the roll, sixteen of whom are boarders.

The Jewish Rabbi has been making a strong effort to get away our few Jewish girls, by threatening to publish the names of all those who send their daughters to Christian schools. A great pressure has been brought to bear on them, and one has left; but we hope she will return. They are among the most bright and promising of our pupils, and some of them are very much interested in the New Testament.

"Our King's Daughters and Temperance Societies continue to be the most encouraging and helpful feature of our school work. At our meeting yesterday five new members were admitted to the Temperance Society. It is exceedingly difficult for one here to pledge herself not to taste or pass any alcoholic drinks, for the daughter of the family is always expected to hand it to the guests on every occasion, no baptism or funeral is without it. The members are at least agitating the question among their friends, and we hope our little society will set people thinking if nothing more. One of the seniors interested the young men in her village, in the Christmas vacation. They signed the pledge, afterward formed themselves into a society with her help, and are working enthusiastically for their friends."

This winter the girls have made many visits among the poor and have taken in sewing to earn money for their K. D. Soc. We had last week an entertainment for the same purpose. A Trip through Scotland illustrated by the magic lantern and interspersed with Scotch songs, solos and choruses, appropriate to the scenes, interspersed. It was a very pretty and interesting entertainment. Mr. Murray who is at the head of the Scotch Mission here, gave the talk. We made about twenty-five dollars, which we are spending for the poor, especially three or four sick people for whom we are caring. We are beginning to prepare for an entertainment to be given the last of May at which we hope to make enough money to continue the care of those whom we are helping, through the summer.

This year we have been making a special effort to make our monthly missionary meetings more attractive, with some success, I hope. The girls seem to anticipate them with pleasure. Last month Mr. McNaughton kindly gave us a lecture on Stanley's Darkest Africa, with magic lantern views, also bringing in a short account of McKay. We have taken up McKay's life more fully this month, and have had Dr. Tylers at a previous meeting. We have tried, by occasionally introducing costumes &c,

Smyrna, Mch. 12. 1892
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to make the life of people in other countries more real to the girls; and feel quite repaid by their increased interest. We support a little girl in Miss Lyman's school in Bombay.

We have too a little reading circle for teachers and graduates every week.

The greatest happiness we have is in seeing the growth of the girls in Christian character. While we see many things to discourage yet it is impossible not to realize that year by year they are changing radically, and coming to understand more & more the meaning of a Christian life. It makes one very happy to see this, among those who are so soon to leave us. We shall have a very promising class of five graduates this summer, four Armenians and one Greek. Two of them only are Protestants.

The winter is over, and the country is beginning to be delightful, with the fresh green fields and blossoming trees. We enjoyed a charming day at Guistepe a few days ago, taking all the boarders for a picnic, coming home laden with great handfuls of the brilliant red anemones.

Miss Lawrence seems better than a while ago, and I hope we can persuade her to go away somewhere in vacation for a rest. Miss Smith is working hard, and doing nobly. She is most conscientious and reliable in her school-work.

If I have burdened you with details I trust you will excuse it; for in a school like ours startling events are not common, and perhaps our every day life is what you most want to know. Our teachers are unusually satisfactory this year, enthusiastic in their work, and most of all in the Christian work among the girls. I think perhaps they develope quite as much as the pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton are hoping soon to go to Manissa.

We are most thankful for the improvements granted the school this year — the water, the range & the fine new piano. They are all most heartily appreciated.

With most sincere regards to yourself and to Mrs. Smith,
Very respectfully yrs, Agnes M. Lord.

Smyrna, Turkey.
May 2, 1892.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of April 15th has just been handed to me, and I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of it, and to say what you probably have already been informed of through Mr. Bartlett: We decided at a meeting of the trustees and faculty held last week, to invite Miss Smith to remain next year. Knowing that you had expressed a wish that we might be able to retain her, and as we were in danger of losing the opportunity of securing her if we waited any longer, there being also no prospect of a new teacher, we voted to request her to continue her work in the school one more year. Mr. Bartlett has undoubtedly already written this to you, and also that we hope that a new teacher may come out as soon as possible, that she may be getting the language, before she is obliged to take up full work in the school; for we need an American teacher with a good knowledge of the Armenian language very much.

I handed your letter at once to Miss Smith. Mr. McNaughton will present the matter at the Annual Meeting.

We are earnestly hoping that we may have a visit from you here in Smyrna before long, as we hear you are expected at Marash. It will be a great pleasure and comfort to us if you can come.

With sincere regards,

Respectfully yrs,

Agnes M. Lord.

Smyrna, May 2 - 1892

Rec'd May 19

Smyrna, Turkey,
June 13. 1892.

Dr. Smith,
Dear Sir:—

Your letter in regard to Miss Zimmer reached me after the gentlemen had left for Annual Meeting, but I forwarded it immediately to Mr. McNaughton. Perhaps he has already written you that, after inquiries made in regard to Miss Z., it was thought best not to invite her to Smyrna even for the remainder of the year, as was suggested by some. We heard through Miss Prime of Constantinople, who passed through here a week ago on her way to America, that Miss Zimmer would fill Miss Farley's place at Robert College during her absence; but doubtless you are aware of this arrangement.

Last week occurred our examinations. The King's Daughters Soc. gave an entertainment on the last evening, at which they made about forty-five dollars. In three weeks we have our graduating exercises.

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The senior class numbers five, four Armenians, and one Greek, a niece of Dr. Constantine.

We are now trying to make some plans for the summer, but have not succeeded as yet. Mr. and Miss Bartlett intend to spend one month at Bourdour, a city about two days from here, and the remainder of the summer in Afion Kara Hissar.

Very respectfully yrs,
Agnes M. Lord.

Smyrna June 13, 1892.
Rec'd July 5.

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Torre Pellice, Vaudois Valley, Italy.

July 21, 1892.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 30th I have just received, forwarded from Smyrna. I am greatly surprised that Miss Smith's uncle should have spoken of her health in such a way. She had been troubled with relaxed throat for some time before school closed, but we did not regard that as any thing serious; as one of the first physicians in Smyrna assured us there was not the slightest cause for anxiety; that she might continue her work till the close of the year with impunity, and then rest would make all right. In other respects she has seemed remarkably well. Her friends at home have been very anxious for her to return, and before I left Smyrna she had written to you herself that she felt it her duty to do so. Undoubtedly you have received her

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letter before this.

It is a great relief to feel that Miss Damon expects to be in Smyrna for the beginning of the year. Miss McCallum, I presume, has written you of her sister's serio illness, which may delay her coming a littl

If it would not be too much trouble I should be glad to know Miss Damon's addres or something of her plans for the journey, that I might be able, if possible to join her at Marseilles.

The date of this letter, I fear, betrays my truancy. One of the ladies of the Smyrna Re was in search of a friend to accompany her to the Vaudois Valley for the summer vacation; a as we were able to make the trip quite econom cally, I joined her. We had a very interestin journey by way of Messina, Palermo, Napl Genoa and Turin, and have found a most perfect retreat in this wonderfully beautifu valley, made doubly delightful by its thril history. The synod of all the Waldensian pastors meets here the first week in Septem

I wished to send you with this the photograph of our graduating class, but they were not ready before we left, so I will mail one on my return.

Our receipts from the school this year were about eighty per cent in advance of what they have been any previous year. The expenses also were considerably more, as we had the board of four teachers and salary of one, extra. Still we came out between thirty and forty pounds in advance of any other year, after paying all expenses.

On the day following our closing exercises we had a meeting of our graduates and formed an Alumnae Association which we hope may, by binding us all more closely together for mutual help and improvement, prove a great blessing.

The girls and teachers are now all scattered, but many of them, I feel sure, have gone to their homes with a determination to spend this summer in earnest work for others.

With sincere regards,
Very respectfully yrs,
N. M. Lord.

Italy. July 21-1872

Rec'd Aug. 3

Italy. July 21-1892

Torre Pellice, Italy.
'92. 7. 28.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:-

I trust you will pardon me for troubling you again so soon, but there was one matter of considerable importance which I omitted to mention in my letter of last week.

The past year we have been able to give the girls unusual advantages in the way of gymnastics. ur Greek teacher, who had the harge of them, had taken a special ourse in Athens, and made them

so delightful that they drew
many visitors and were quite
an attraction to the school.

The teacher herself proved in
other respects so unsatisfactory, -
her influence of the girls was s
bad - we were obliged to dism
her. I feel especially anxiou
that the gymnastics should
continue to be as good as they
have been the past year. They
are, I know, very finely taught
at Wellesley; but I understo
when there that they were elect

It has occurred to me that
possibly Miss Damon may n
have taken them; and if not
it would be a great advantag
to the school if she could
look into the matter a little

and furnish herself with the best books on calisthenics and gymnastics; for I fear we shall be obliged to depend upon her assistance in this matter, as there is no one else to take it up.

We find it so difficult to gain even a little ground, we feel very anxious to hold fast whatever reputation we may have won, and to press forward.

Will you be so kind as to make this suggestion to Miss Damon? I should like to write her myself, but have not her address.

Very respectfully yrs.
A. M. Lord.

Miss Agnes M. Lord

Torre Pellice, July 28, 1892.

filed Sep. 9.

Ans'd Aug. 25.

Smyrna, Turkey.
Oct. 14. '93.

Dr. Smith.
Dear Sir:-

Just before returning to Smyrna I received your encouraging word, but have delayed answering as I had already written.

We are all safely brought back again to our work. Miss McCallum has, I think, written you since her arrival. It is a great pleasure and comfort to have her with us once more, so well and freshly equipped for her duties. The advantages for study that she enjoyed while in America will prove a great benefit to the school.

The prospect for pupils seems very good so far; although many are still in the country and we shall not have our full number until the first rain comes to drive the people to their city homes.

We have our first Jewesses

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for boarders, two sisters from one of the best Jewish families in Smyrna.

We are anxiously waiting to hear how soon we may expect our new teacher. At present we are all taking upon ourselves all the extra work which we possibly can, and still there are many things unprovided for, and the pupils are inquiring when they will begin this and that.

I do dislike to trouble you so much, but we are in great distress for her; and it is exceedingly important just now, for the Armenians are making every effort to get away our pupils; and nothing will induce them to leave, I feel sure, if the school is kept up as it should be, and improved year by year. But if we cannot give them all the advantages they have had, and add some attractions if possible, we shall hear complaints, and find we are losing our ~~scholars~~.

I know the Prudential Committee will not chide us for our great anxiety for *the* prosperity of our school. "Our expectation is" — under God — "from you," and we shall not be disappointed.

With kindest regards from us all. Very respectfully.

A. M. Lord.

Miss A. M. Lord. S

Smyrna, Oct. 14, 1892.

Rec'd Nov. 4.

Miss R. M. Lord

Smyrna, Turkey.
Dec. 1. 1892.

Dr. Smith.

Rec'd Dec. 23

Dear Sir:—

You have probably before this received a letter from my sister in regard to Miss Sarah Harlow. As I had lost her address I asked her to write you that no time might be lost.

I cannot help having some hope that she may be able to come.

If, however, she does not see the way open for her to come to Smyrna, another plan has suggested itself. Miss Jillson, Mrs. McNaughton's sister,— whom perhaps you remember, as she was invited to come to our school a few years ago— is this year free from any school engagement. She was obliged to leave her position in Andover, where she had the charge of the elocution and gymnastics, because the work was too hard for her. In fact she was so worn that she felt the necessity of a year's rest. Gymnastics and singing, both of which she has made a specialty, are exactl what we need most just now. We have no one to teach them, and the school is suffering for want of them. If she could ha only her travelling expenses pai (which would not amount to as much as the salary of the teach whom we have not this year, and so would be in reality no extra expense to the Board) I think she might come out, for the change and rest, and be quite able to give those two lessons for us. Board would be cheaper for her than at home, and her sister being so near might be an inducement.

It is true we need help also in the class work sorely, but if no one can be found to fill the whole need, it would at least be a great relief to have such efficient help in the direction where we are suffering most; and it is possible that Miss Jillson might gain strength so as to be able to take further duties before the close of the year. Indeed it seems to me not at all improbable that she may become attached to the work, and stay on for several years, as she has no home ties so strong as those family ties which would draw her to and keep her in, the East.

I cannot express too strongly the great injury it is to our school to be without music and gymnastics, the greatest attractions in this country; if this lack can be well supplied it means a sure increase in our pupils next year. The prosperity of the school, from a financial point of view, depends more upon these than anything else. So that, if even there were extra expense incurred in sending out such a supply — which there would not be in this case — it would more than pay in the end.

Our school has never been in such a prosperous condition as this year, for which we feel very thankful. We have to-day our twenty-first boarder, and another is to come this week. The class of girls that come to us is improving every year. Miss Lawrence has written fully about the work in all its departments; so it is not necessary for me to add anything more, except thanks for the letter which I received this week, and should have acknowledged at the beginning of this.

I mail with this the photograph of this years graduating class, which perhaps Mrs. Smith can make use of among the auxiliaries.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Smith, in which Miss Lawrence and Miss McCallum join me,

Very respectfully,
A. M. Lord.

Smyrna, Turkey.
Mch. 4, 1893.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:-

Miss McCallum received, a few days ago, your letter dated Feb. 3rd., and we are most thankful for the good news it contained in regard to Miss Harlow. We had hardly dared hope that she would be able to come as a permanent teacher. From what my sister has written about her, judging also from her own letters, I think we have reason to be very thankful that we have the prospect of securing such a person for our school.

I do not know whether Miss McCallum wrote you that since December we have had some assistance in school. A young lady, a graduate of the American College, Constantinople, who is about to be married to the dragoman of our American Consul in Sivas, was here for a visit, and consented to give us about two hours a day. She is a Greek but knows English well, and is a great assistance to us. We are hoping she may be able to stay until the close of the school year.

Since Miss McCallum wrote we have had our semi-yearly examinations, written. The papers were very satisfactory. Mr. Bartlett and others gave an afternoon to looking them over; they expressed themselves pleased with the work which the girls had done. We had no public exercises with the exception of an exercise given by Miss McCallum's Geology class on Fossil Sunshine. One of the members drew with colored crayons a very good map of the Geology of Smyrna, which she explained; others had essays and recitations; and one gave an extemporaneous description of various stones on a table before her. The number of pupils the last term was ninety and the average attendance seventy-five. I wish we could report a better average, but considering the many feast days of Armenians, Greeks, and Jews; considering also that there has been an unusual degree of sickness this year — small-pox raging, and influenza and diphtheria — perhaps we ought not to expect more. The school has certainly seemed much fuller than any previous year, and the class of pupils better.

We are expecting next week a stereopticon which my sister selected for us in Oxford; and I have ordered some slides, through Mr. Treat, for our missionary meetings. The girls are much interested now in missions, but we long to see them realize more the sad condition of those in heathen lands. In our last meeting we spoke of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Womans Board. The girls received with much pleasure the proposition of the President of the King's Daughters Soc. that they should embroider some handkerchiefs and give the money as a small offering to the W. B. M. in recognition of their Anniversary.

We are just now preparing for a simple entertainment to be given in about two weeks by the girls in the Preparatory Dept-mt. We shall invite their parents; and have some opportunity

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for social conversation and refreshments during the intermission. They are preparing recitations, dialogues, songs, & choruses, in Greek, Armenian, English and French; as well as instrumental music for the piano, and Haydn's Toy Sinfonie.

A few weeks ago there was quite a little excitement among the girls, owing to the fact that somethings said by our former Armenian pastor in his sermon were misinterpreted, and reported as a criticism of the Orthodox Church. Thereupon the Armenian Bishop preached against us, and a large number of pupils were taken away from Miss Bartlett's Sabbath School for a few Sundays.

Miss Bartlett's Sunday School is one of the most delightful features of our work here, it seems to me. She spends much time preparing the lesson and going over it each week with her teachers. The pleasant home-like Kindergarten rooms, the large, beautiful pictures to illustrate the lesson, beside some model made of blocks – of the Well at Sychar, the Sepulchre in the Garden, the Temple at Jerusalem, or whatever may be the subject for the day, make the hour so delightful that the children look forward to it all the week. She has, I should judge, about eighty or a hundred usually.

Just now Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton are with us in Smyrna. Mrs. McNaughton's little one will be a week old to-morrow. Miss Lawrence has been taking charge of the house and children in Manissa while Mr. McNaughton was obliged to be here. It has been a change for her, as well as a comfort to Mrs. McNaughton to know that the children were not left to the nurse alone.

Mr. Bartlett has just taken a photograph of the front of our school-building, and I mail one with this, thinking you may like to see it. The lot in the foreground where the old wood is piled up is the land purchased for the new kindergarten building.

As Miss Harlow has left Grants Pass, Oregon, and I have not her home address, may I take the liberty of mailing a letter to her directed to your care, and troubling you to forward it to her?

I trust you will excuse me if I have burdened you with too many particulars about the school. I have written thus fully as you said in Miss McCallum's letter you would like to have us do so.

With kind regards to yourself and to Mrs. Smith,

Very respectfully yrs.,

Agnes M. Lord.

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Smyrna, March 4, '93
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Smyrna, Turkey.
Mch. 20. '93.

Dr. Smith, Rec'd April 10

Dear Sir:-

In a letter from my sister received to-day we learn that Miss Harlowe is probably soon to be appointed as permanent teacher in our school. We are all very thankful. But now I have to ask for one more.

It seems an absolute necessity that I should go home at the end of this school year,- that is, in July- to be with my Mother. I have felt for some time that I was needed, and now my sisters and all my family feel that it is best that I should come this summer. In fact, there is no

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other arrangement that can be made.

It is very hard for me to think of leaving the school, but since it is God's will, it must be best in every respect.

I fear your patience will be exhausted in trying to keep our school supplied with teachers, but trust this new vacancy may be filled more easily than the last.

Very respectfully yrs.,
A. M. Lord.

Rome, Italy,
May 8, '93.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:—

Before this reaches you you will probably have heard from Mr. Bartlett that I am on my way home. Probably they explained to you the cause of my leaving so suddenly. On receiving news that my sister, Prof. Lord, had been and still was quite ill, and that the doctors had ordered her away for a change I felt that with both my sisters ill and my Mother at an age when she ought to have some one who could devote herself to her, that I was very much needed at home. The last news that I received before packing up was from my sister, saying that the doctors had said she must go away at once, but she felt she could not leave my Mother.

The members of the station all agreed in feeling that I should

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Rome, May 8
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leave as soon as possible.

~~A young~~ lady, graduate of the American College, Constantinople, who has been taking a few classes for us, is engaged to give all her time for the remainder of the year which will relieve Miss McCallum of some of her work and, I hope, keep Miss McCallum and Miss Lawrence from feeling too great additional burden.

Miss Nutting has probably written you that we expect to sail by S. S. Werra, North German Lloyd Line, from Genoa, May 10th., reaching New York about the 21st. of May.

Trusting you will approve of the step which I have taken, and believe that it was only the great urgency of the case which compelled me to do so,

Very Respectfully,
A. M. Lord.

Miss Daniels wishes to send her regards
say she desired to write, but is not
feeling able.

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Wellesley, Sept. 4. 1893.

Dr. Smith,

Dear Sir:-

On reaching home Friday evening, I found your letter of Aug. 31st awaiting me. I am sorry that I cannot give any definite information in regard to the Bowen house. I had always had the impression that Mr. & Mrs. Bowen built the house with their own private funds originally, and afterward sold it to the Womans Board for the use of the Girls' School. The last week in April, just before I left Smyrna, Mr. & Mrs. Bowen visited us; and one day when the subject came up, Mr. Bowen seemed much surprised at the idea of the Womans Board paying rent for it; and said that the Woman's Board owned the house. He would doubtless be able to give all the information you wish. His address, as you probably know, is Bible House, Constantinople.

The summer rest has done us all great good. Sister Ellen seems quite strong to enter upon her College duties; and Sister Nathalie is gaining every day, which is a cause of great thankfulness.

I received a letter from Miss McCallum to-day. She has been quite ill, and is still very weak. She writes that the cholera in Smyrna makes the re-opening of school at the usual time somewhat uncertain. It has not yet spread very much. At the time of her writing there were from fourteen to twenty cases and ten deaths a day. It was reported to be in parts of Constantinople also.

With sincere regards.

Respectfully yrs.

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Hancock Point, Maine,
April 18, 1898.

Rev. Jas. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

I received on Saturday your letter in regard to the need in Harpoot and removing the difficulty of the language. I hasten to reply by return mail that I should be very glad if I could be of any assistance there. My Father and Mother knew Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler from the time they first went to Turkey, and that station always seemed to me to have a special blessing on it. All the missionaries who are there now I have met, with the exception of Miss Seymour; and it would be a privilege to me to be allowed to work with them.

Dr. Francis sent a medical certificate to be filled out. We are some miles from any physician and I have been disappointed in making arrangements to see one, but will try to accomplish it this week.

Will you kindly give me the address of some one in this country, if there is any one, who could give me information in regard to the climate of Harpoot; what would be needed there in the way of clothing &c.?

Very Sincerely yours,

Agnes M. Lord.

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J. L. B.
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Hancock Point, Maine,
May 2nd, 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of April 28th I received on Saturday. My only wish in regard to location is to go where the need seems greatest, if I can supply that need; and I should prefer to leave the decision with you, and with the Mission as you suggest. There is one thing of which, perhaps, I ought to speak. In Smyrna and Constantinople the language of the schools being English I have had no experience in teaching in the Turkish language, except one year a Bible class, and my knowledge of Turkish is not such as the missionaries have who hear and use it constantly. If I should have much teaching in Turkish or Armenian to do, I fear I should require some time for study. But if the instruction is given mostly by native teachers and my work will be principally superintending I think I shall not have much trouble.

May I ask about this? and also the size and grade of the school at Erzroom, and how large the boarding department is there.

May I inquire too about what time I shall probably leave? - as I am engaged upon some work which I should like to drop in season to take a little vacation before starting.

Thanking you for the kind expressions of your letter, which add much to the happiness of being able to return to missionary work,

Sincerely yrs,
Agnes M. Lord.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-10-98
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Hancock Point, Maine.
May 9, '98.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.,
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

May I inquire of you in regard to furniture? Shall I take with me the furniture for my own room, and if so, are there any suggestions as to quantity or kind? Our furniture is stored in Wellesley, and as my sister will pass through Boston in a few weeks, on her way home from the South, she can attend to having what is necessary sent in to the Rooms then, so they may be ready for shipment at the proper time. We are so far out of the way here, it would be more convenient for her to attend to the matter than for me to go on, if it will not be too long for the things to be kept in the packing rooms.

I am sorry to trouble you, realizing how valuable your time is, but did not know to whom else to go for information.

Thanking you for writing so at length about the Erzroom school,

Sincerely yours.
Agnes M. Lord.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-25-98
Ans'd 6-2

Hancock Point, Maine,
May 23, 1898.

Rev. James Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Since your letter of the 13th I have received one from Miss Child, in which she mentions an appropriation for outfit and says: "The regular amount for refit is $125.00, but I have no doubt the ladies will vote as much more as you need". I have written her that, if it would be right, I should be glad, in addition to the $125.00, to have the desk, which you mentioned among the necessary articles of furniture. The rest of the furniture I have, but nothing which would lock, that I could use if I had charge of the school money. I mention this, as you asked how much I should require, and I do not know whether the furniture is generally provided by the Woman's Board or the American Board.

Thanking you for your kind answer to my inquiries,

Sincerely yrs,
Agnes M. Lord.

Hancock Point, Maine,
July 11th 1898.

Mr. Calvin Chapin,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Chapin:—

Will you be so kind as to let me know whether it is necessary for me, in returning to Turkey, to have a new passport? I have the one which you got for me in July, 1889, and bearing that date.

If it is necessary, can you procure one for me by my sending the old one to you? Nothing in the description would differ but the age.

I am expecting to sail from New York Aug. 20th and shall

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Hancock Point, July 11. 1898

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probably be in the vicinity of Boston Aug. 15th, 16th, 17th. I think that would not give you time enough to get over?.

Respectfully yours,

Agnes M. Lord.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-18-98
Ans'd 18

Hancock Point, Maine,
July 15, 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

I received a few days ago a letter, forwarded from the Rooms, from Mrs. Wm Chambers. In this letter she speaks as though the Erzroom station were expecting me to do a different kind of work from that for which I understand I am sent out; and I think I had better enclose that part of her letter, that you may see what she says.

I understood from our correspondence that my work was to be school work, and that I was to take charge of the Girl's School in Erzroom with the help, it was hoped before long, of an associate; and that this was to be my work unless the needs of the Harpoot school should require me later to be transferred to that station. Am I not correct? - and, if so, can you explain Mrs. Chambers' letter?

Very sincerely yours.
Agnes M. Lord.

Miss Agnes M. Lord,

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-21-98
Ans'd 21

Hancock Point, Maine,
July 19th 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I have just received yours of the 18th and thank you for your prompt reply to my inquiries.

I know that each mission locates its own missionaries; but, at the same time, I understand that when a mission applies for a new missionary it is always for some definite position; and that when the missionary is appointed by the Board it is to fill a particular, specified need which has been made known to the Board by that mission or station. Am I not right in this?

I do not know, of course, exactly what application the Eastern Turkey Mission has made, except that you say in your letter, "The mission has located you at Erzroom for the present and they have also asked that Miss Bushnell be sent there."

As the mission has only located me at Erzroom for the present, I judge that they look to Miss Bushnell to take the charge of the school, which of course must be undertaken by some one who would be permanently located in the place.

It seems to me that the mission should have stated, both for Miss Bushnell and myself, exactly the work which they desired of us each; and that it would be exceedingly awkward for us to find ourselves in a new field without knowing what was expected of us each beforehand. And I indeed do not feel that I can accept such an appointment.

I trust you will not misunderstand the spirit in which I have written this. It is not that I would choose the place or the work; but I think it is not asking too much that I should be assigned to a permanent work, and should know, before leaving home, what and where that work is to be.

Very sincerely yours,
Agnes M. Lord.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-27-98
Ans'd

Hancock Point, Maine
July 25, 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I thank you very much for your kind and full letter of the 21st. The statement and explanation of what the Eastern Turkey Mission requested makes all clear and satisfactory.

Hoping you will pardon me for having taken so much of your precious time,

Very sincerely yours,
Agnes M. Lord.

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Rec'd 7-29-98
Ans'd 8-2

Hancock Point, Maine,
July 28, 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I have received this morning yours of July 27th., and hasten to reply that I should be very glad to delay sailing until the third of September; both because it will give me two weeks longer with my friends, and because it is more agreeable to travel with a party. May I inquire who make the party, and if they will cross the Atlantic on the same steamer with Mrs. Stapleton and myself, or is their passage already engaged on another line? If the latter were the case I suppose we could join them in London and make the rest of the journey in company?

Thanking you for the kind expressions of your letter,

Very sincerely yours,

Agnes M. Lord.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 8-9-98
Ans'd 9

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Hancock Point, Maine,
Aug. 8th. 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of Aug. 3rd. did not reach me until Saturday morning. As I had not heard from you, I feared you might be out of town, and had written to Mr. Wiggin to inquire what arrangement had been made about the steamers, saying I should prefer to go (on the Wilsons and Furness-Leyland Line) Sept: 3rd., as I had written you, if the transfer could be made.

On receiving yours of the 3rd. and learning that the Deweys were going via Naples and I could not join them in London, as I had planned, I thought the best plan would be for me to take the North German Lloyd steamer with them and pay the difference; and so I telegraphed to you on Saturday that there might be no mistake or delay.

Saturday evening I received yours of Aug. 5th, saying you were engaging my passage on the "Winifreda" sailing Sept. 10th. Cannot Mr. Bartlett's passage on the "Victoria" take the place of mine on that steamer, and leave me free to go with Dr. and Mrs. Dewey, which would be rather preferable? If this cannot be done without financial sacrifice, I am quite ready to go with the party on Sept. 10th.

It would be a great privilege to be at the Farewell Meeting, but I fear I cannot go on to Boston until near the time for me to sail.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes M. Lord.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 8-24-98
Ans'd 25

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Hancock Point, Maine,
Aug. 23rd, 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Barton: -

I have just received the enclosed letter from Miss Webb, of Adana. You have probably heard from her on the same subject. Personally, it would seem delightful to me to be located at Adana, as I know all the missionaries there and am much attached to them; also it would be near Smyrna where my friends are. The work, too, is attractive, and such as I could do, I think; as I taught music for six years in Vassar College, and have always had more or less to do in that department. Still I do not wish to put my personal preferences in the foreground. I have stated them because I thought you would perhaps wish to know them. My greatest desire is to go where I am most needed, and I wish to leave that to the decision of those who have the interest of the whole in their hands.

May I leave the reply to Miss Webb — which she requests cabled to her, in the enclosed letter — for you to send, either "Yes" or "No" as you decide is best?

Sincerely yours,
Agnes M. Lord.

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Smyrna. April 19. 1890.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.:—

Dear Dr. Smith,

I feel that I should apologize to you for having left your kind letter of October 29 so long unanswered. The only apology I have to offer is that I have not been feeling well and in consequence have done very little writing all this year.

My ill health has been a great disappointment to me. I came back with so many plans for usefulness and desirous to do more this year than ever before, and instead of that it seems to me, on looking back over the year, that I have only been a burden to every body. I am better now than I have been since October, and so I expect to get comfortably through this year.

You have doubtless heard ere this that Mr. McNaughton & family have left for the Interior. We miss them very much as you may imagine. They have been so kind & helpful in every way to us. They had a pleasant

Journey and reached Bowdoin safely -
Mrs McNaughton writes me that they are
very comfortably settled there & all are well -
Mr. McNaughton has probably left Bowdoin,
so that Mrs McNaughton will be alone - we
all hope the change & rest will do her good, for
She has not seemed very strong this year.

Poor Mr Constantine is very miserable
indeed - he hoped to get away to Athens this week
& from there go to Methana for the hot baths - but
no steamer will take him, although he has
a medical certificate that his disease is non-contagious.
It has been a sore trial to him to be laid
aside from active work all this year & then his sufferings
have been very intense - he is so changed that
it is really painful to look at him,

Our School work has gone on regularly and
quietly - there is nothing of special interest to record
we have 84 names on the roll. The conduct of
the pupils has been uniformly good - and
the progress in their studies very fair indeed

Our graduating class only numbers 3 - all
of whom expect to teach - all are beneficiaries.

We expect to have several changes in the teaching staff. Our Armenian teacher - Efdine Hanum - is leaving & we have not yet found any one to take her place. Our matron - Miss Blackler - has resigned & her place is also vacant - then as Miss Lawrence returns late in the year, opening school in September will be any thing but easy - We fear that it would not be wise to postpone opening school until October - much as we should like to do it, for September in Smyrna is very hot & unhealthy - but we fear that it would be injurious to the interests of the school if we should open so long after the other schools. Just now when the prospects are a little brighter we feel as if we should be especially careful. . .

We are all very glad that the boys' school here is to have an American missionary at its head. and we all feel ~~feel~~ very desirous that Mr. McLoughlin of Tarsus should be the chosen one - He particularly wishes to engage in teaching - & is fresh from college - he is Mrs. McNaughton's dearest friend - & he is such a beautiful Christian that we all feel very strongly that he is just the one for Smyrna -

Hoping that you will consider the matter favorably & with kind regards,

Sincerely Yours,
Emily McCallum.

Smyrna, April 19. 1890
Rec'd May 6

Maxville, Ontario,
Aug. 21. 1890.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

You will, I trust, pardon me for not having written you before since my arrival in Canada - When I came home my brother was just on the eve of departure and I felt as if I wished to see all I could of him and so delayed writing and asked him to tell you of my arrival -

I am now enjoying the country air and quiet although I have seen so many people that I hardly feel as if I were rested yet - I came home with the full intention of asking you to sanction me in refusing to speak at all in public until after Christmas, but it seems now impossible to refuse much as I wished to take these first months for entire rest - Perhaps I was selfish about it, but Miss Lord gained so much by following that plan that I thought I should like to try it.

I have been suffering from neuralgia and headache since I came home - the Dr says it is on account of malaria in the system - but I hope soon to feel better -

I am so thankful that I could come home this year - not only because of seeing my brother, but because my coming rather lessened the pain of the separation from him.

With kindest regards, believe me, dear Dr. Smith,

Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum
Maxville, Aug. 21, 1890
Rec'd Aug. 23

Mayville
Sept. 12. 1890.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Thank you very much for your kind letter, of Aug. 29 - I feel very grateful that you think I ought to devote myself to rest -- for that is just what I myself feel I ought to do—

I had the pleasure last week of a visit from Miss Lawrence - I very much regret that she is not so much rested as I hoped she would be — I was delighted to see her & we enjoyed her visit very much indeed.

My brother & his wife seem to be having a very pleasant journey we had a letter to-day written

just as they were leaving London. They were taking the northern route through Germany & then by Vienna to Constantinople.

May I ask if my salary is to be continued? My father has a very small salary & so many expenses on account of the children's education that I do not wish to be a burden to him — If you decide that my salary is to continue — could I have some money now? — or when could I begin to draw it?

Please excuse me for troubling you with this matter — believe me,

Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum.
Maxville, Sep. 12, 1890
Rec'd Sep. 14.

Maxville, Canada,
Sept. 22. 1890.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your kind letter of Sept. 15th I received last week & today yours of the 20th containing a cheque for $50. I thank you very much for your prompt action in the matter. I shall follow your suggestion in regard to writing to the Officers of the Woman's Board -

With kind regards,
Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum -
Maxville, Sep. 22, 1890.
Rec'd Sep. 25.

55 McGill College Ave.
Montreal March 5/92.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith;

I have just received your letter of the 1st of March and hasten to reply. I feel that I have been very remiss about writing and hope that you will pardon me.

I am very happy to be able to assure you that I am feeling very well now and quite looking

forward to returning to Smyrna
in time for the next School
year. I am quite as strong
now as when I went out to Tur-
key nine years ago. so I hope
to be able to do enough in
Smyrna to prove that my two
years at home have not been
wasted -

I have heard quite fully from
Miss Lawrence in regard to
her future plans - I think she
intends to write you very shortly
herself - She has always been
much interested in the
Greek work & Mrs Constantine
is very anxious to have her -
I fancy she intends to work
in Smyrna - but I have not

said definitely - I shall be very, very sorry to have Miss Lawrence leave the school - for both being connected with the Greek work we had many interests in common - Still I think she will enjoy the other work far more - She very much disliked the routine of school life - Then she has such a good knowledge of Greek that it seems a pity she should not use it in direct work among the people -

Of course that would raise the very serious question of how we could procure two new teachers for the school - It has seemed so difficult to find one

I have a lady in mind now, who would I think be most desirable - She is an intimate friend of my sister Mary - She was visiting at our house at Christmas time & I spoke to her about Smyrna I have not heard from her since except by this letter which mother sent to me lately - It is of course a private letter - but I do not think it will be wrong if I send it to you, and then perhaps it may help to solve the Smyrna problem as far as one teacher is concerned - Miss Foye has had long experience

r teaching and has always
een very successful -
he is an earnest Christian
good disciplinarian -
nd is quite strong -
I would be quite willing
correspond with her, if you
hought it best - or I will
eave it entirely with you -
I had letters from Smyrna
is week - they were all well,
ut the teachers were feeling rather
ried after the excitement
f the wedding -
Please give my love to Mrs
Smith and believe me,
Very sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

My present address will

find me for a week or ten days more - but letters to Marseille will always be forwarded directly to me -

Emily M Callum. S

Montreal, Mar. 5, '92.

Rec'd Mar. 7.

55 McGill College Avenue
Montreal March 15. 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Immediately on receipt of your last letter I wrote to Miss Toye - I had a note from her this morning - She says she will not attempt to decide anything just yet - that she has written to her family physician and if he deem her physically capable of filling the position she will feel that one step is made in the direction of her going. I am sure she is considering the proposition favourably and I know she is praying for guidance - I will write you again as soon as I hear further particulars -

In regard to the grant for re-fit, of which you so kindly wrote me - I should be very glad to receive it - If you do not think it too much - It would enable me to get some things that I really need and also to get work done that I otherwise should feel I would have to do myself -

My Montreal address after

Thursday will be
1125 Sherbrooke Street -
I have been invited to meet
the ladies in Burlington Vt.
and expect to be there on
Saturday the 26th -
There is quite a little circle of
missionaries here in Montreal
Miss Lyman of India
Mr Read & Miss Williams
Mr Gunn & Miss Moesas
of Africa - It is very pleasant
for me to meet them, as
I do occasionally -

Very sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallu

Montreal, Mar. 15,

Filed Mar. 24.

Miss Emily McCallum

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1125 Sherbrooke Street,
Montreal, March 24, 1892.

Rec'd March 25

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith,

I received a letter yesterday from Miss Loyce, enclosing her physician's letter. His opinion is quite favourable, her constitution he says is good, and he considers her quite able for the work there -

So now Miss Loyce feels that the first step is taken in

the direction of her going.
The only thing that hinders
an immediate decision on
her part, is her dread of
giving pain to her father —
It is only six months since
her mother died, and she
dreads to "add one mite to his
sorrow and loneliness."
She says. "Should Dr. Smith
urge an immediate decision
I cannot now say 'Here am I'
but am hoping it may come
to that ere long."
The more I know of Miss Loye
the more desirable it seems to
me that we should have her
in Smyrna.

With kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

64 St Luke Street
Montreal April 19, 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston -

Dear Dr Smith,

I had a letter from Miss Loyer yesterday and she writes that she cannot at present see her way clear to offer herself for work in Smyrna, and she fears that any further delay may, perhaps, pre-bent on procuring some one else for Smyrna - & so she wishes that we should not count on her at all - I am very sorry for I am sure she would have been a very valuable addition to the School - & she really is very much interested in the work & if she could see her way clear to leave her father & her work here - would be delighted to go.

I think I have not written you since I was in Burlington - I am

Miss Hawes - indeed I was entertained at her father's house - & I think she has decided wisely in remaining at home - she is a delightful girl but too young and delicate for work in Smyrna -

Miss Lawrence writes me that possibly Miss Smith may be induced to remain another year - If so, that would be very pleasant - still I should prefer a permanent teacher if such could be found -

I was at the wedding of Mr Read & Miss Williams last week - It was a very pleasant occasion & McGill University was well represented there as both parties are graduates of that institution - I hope they may be long spared for work in Africa - for they are very earnest and devoted workers.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours

Emily McCallum

After this week please address me at Maxville -

Miss Emily McCallum S

Montreal April 19, 1892

Rec'd April 23

Sweetsburg Quebec
July 21. 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith,

Your letter of July 18th reached me last night and I hasten to reply.

I think your plan in regard to my sailing with Mr & Mrs Perry a very desiriable one, and there really is no reason why I should sail from Montreal instead of New York. So you may count my going on August 2 from New York.

In regard to going on Boston to see the ladies I really could go on t Boston - reaching there Fri morning August 26th & then going on from there to New York in time take the steamer - in th way I would have just as much time at h as if I came down to Montreal & took the train to New York - but perhaps that would be too short a visit to be satisfactory - If however you think that I should come on to Boston - please let me know & I will do exactly as you think best.

Thank you for reminding me of my passport - I have never had a regular one before, but I will see to it without fail.

I shall be very glad indeed to have a grant for refit

for there are some things
I need very much and
which I cannot economy
out of my allowance -

Miss Lord has written
me that Miss Smitt does
not intend to stay anoth
year, but that they are
hoping to obtain a young
lady from Wellesley - I
have been very unsuccess
ful in my efforts to find
any one - The most
interesting field to Canad
seems to be Africa -
And it is difficult to fin

any one who is willing to consider Turkey. I am not without hope that in the future we may have some of the graduates of McGill - There are some very fine young ladies who belong to the Student Volunteers and I have promised to write them occasionally & keep their interest in Smyrna alive.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum
Sweetsbury, July 21, 189
Rec'd July 20.

Maxville, Ontario,
August 3rd, 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Please excuse my delay in acknowledging the receipt of your last two letters. I have been moving about this last week and so my letters have not reached me very promptly.

I had letters from Smyrna telling of Miss Smith's leaving. They seem to regret it very much - she seems to have done splendidid work there, + to have endeared herself to all. I fancy from Mrs Lawrence's letter that they are counting on the young lady from Wellesley. Will she be able to go out this year?

Thank you very much for the grant for refit - It will be a great comfort to me.

My father expects to be in Boston - I hope that he will be able to see you when he visits the Congregational House.

You will be glad to learn that my sister is improving very much - we feel very thankful - and it makes my going away so much easier.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum

Maxville, Aug 3, 1892

Filed Aug 10.

231 East 14th Street.
New York. August 27. 1892

Dear Dr Smith,

Your letter was handed me at the Rooms yesterday but as I only had three hours in Boston, I was not able to reply—

I am very sorry to hear that Miss Damon is not to come to us, but hope with you that a permanent teacher may soon be obtained.

I am with the Perrysons & we expect soon to go on the steamer— Miss Lord and I have been trying to arrange to meet &

travel together - I will write from London & tell you if we are able to complete our plans -

I was very sorry not to see you & Mrs Smith - It would have been a very great pleasure to meet you again -

Please excuse this hurried note & believe me,

Sincerely yours.

Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum

New York, Aug. 27, 1892

filed Sep. 8.

To be ans'd

Miss Emily McCallum.

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Hotel de Noailles,
Marseilles France.
September 10. 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D. Rec'd Sept. 22.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I intended to write you from London but was unable to do so and so send a word from here instead -
As you have probably heard from Mr Perry we reached Liverpool on the 3rd of September - having been just a week

on the sea - We came on to London that same day and found a very comfortable home in the "Midland Temperance Hotel" to which we had been recommended by Mr Ward - We left London on Thursday morning & after 24 hours of steady travel came to this place, where we were very glad to have a day's rest before going on the steamer. Mrs Perry & I both suffer so much from seasickness that the prospect of another voyage is far from pleasant. Still this seemed the only safe route for us to take as we will suffer less in-convenience in the ten days quarantine than we would in crossing the frontiers by the overland route.

Miss Lord wished to join us but if she can avoid the quarantine by taking some other route I have no doubt she will do so.

Mr and Mrs Perry have been very very kind to me all through the journey & I feel very grateful to have had such delightful travelling companions—

I shall write you again

when I reach Smyrna and tell you how we prosper during the remainder of our journey.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Emily McCallum.

American School
Smyrna Sept 26/92

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith;

Your kind letter of September 3rd has just reached me and has reminded me that I should before this have informed you of my safe arrival in Smyrna.

We had a quiet voyage to Athens - and when we reached the Piraeus we were sent to the Bay of Salamis for a five days' quarantine. I had always dreaded the thought of quarantine, but in reality it proved to be the pleasantest part of the journey - I had been so ill both in the Atlantic & Mediterranean, that I found the five days of rest just what

I needed. - We had very pleasant company on board. - beautiful surroundings - and the lovely skies of Greece to look upon so that we were really very fortunate.

We reached Smyrna on Wednesday the 21st - and found a number of friends waiting at the "Rest." - It seemed very good to get back again and everything seems as natural as possible, so that I find it difficult to realize that I have been away for two years.

We are very happy over the prospects of the Greek work. - We have a new pastor who seems to be a very good earnest man. His sermons yesterday were most helpful & I feel very grateful that we are to have such a good man as dear Mr Constantine's successor.

Miss Lawrence & I are alone.

in the school just now, as Miss Lord has been detained by quarantine. Miss Lawrence seems to be very well and I am enjoying this time with her before the rest of school begins. We expect to open on Friday & regular lessons will begin on Monday Oct 3rd — The prospects for boarders are not as yet very encouraging - we only are sure of 13 - but we are hoping that others will apply before long.

We are very glad to know that there is some hope of Miss Damon's coming out. It will certainly be a great relief to us to have even a temporary supply - I have never heard any teacher so enthusiastically praised as Miss Smith - She certainly won golden opinions from all in the mission - so that if it should be possible to secure her permanently, I am sure from what I have heard from all the members of the mission, that she would be a most desirable acquisition to the school.

I am so glad to be in Smyrna again and I look forward with much pleasure to the work here - I hope I shall be able to do better work than ever before -

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours.

Emily M. Calhoun.

Miss Emily M. Calhoun.

Smyrna, Sept. 26/92.

Rec'd Oct. 13. 1892.

American School
Smyrna Jan 14. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I did not think that a whole week of the vacation would pass before I could find an opportunity of writing to you.

School closed as usual the day before the Greek Christmas and we were all glad to have a little respite - Miss Lord went up to Magnesia to spend her holidays with the McNaughtons, and writes that she is having a delightful time - We are so pleased to have her there, because she really needed the change so much - She has seemed very tired and worn out lately, so that we have felt very anxious about her.

But we hope that the two weeks' rest will do her good.

~~Our school~~ "It has been larger this year than for several years past. We have now 23 boarders and in all 92 pupils — We have a very good staff of 10 Greek and Armenian teachers and every thing all through the term has been most harmonious.)

(Our W. C. T. U. is growing and quite an interest in the work has been awakened in the Girls — Our King's Daughters are doing a very good work. Every month a committee of one teacher & two girls is appointed to visit the poor & the sick — & to help them as far as possible — The society also contributed to the Christmas gifts at the Greek Alliance School & supplied presents for the school in Magnesia, which is taught by one of our pupils - & the day before New Years dinners & presents were provided for eight poor families - Then besides all this work in Smyrna they support a little girl in India & have contributed to library fund in the Kobe Home - to Mr Paton's work in the New Hebrides etc -

It has been a great satisfaction to me to notice the developement of the girls in the time I was at home - Both spiritually & mentally I can see a steady growth.

We had very interesting meetings during the Week of Prayer - notwithstanding the pouring rain" - We feel that we cannot be thankful enough for our Greek pastor. The congregations have more than doubled since he came - and there is such an earnest reverent spirit to be felt in all the meetings. Mr Moschou has a wonderful grasp of spiritual truths - I do not believe any one ever did me more good than he has - especially in his Wednesday evening meetings which are especially for Christians. The outlook for the Greek work is very encouraging - I only wish we could say as much for the Armenian -

Another of our great mercies is that we have had no illness in the school this year - It has been rather an unhealthy season and there has been such a scourge of smallpox all the fall, but we have been very mercifully spared - So that although we have had to work very hard this term & to leave undone a great many things we should have done, still we feel that we have so many things to be thankful for!

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Emily McCallum.

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Miss Emily McCallum
Smyrna, Jan. 14, 1893
Rec'd Feb. 3.

Hôtel-La Grèce.
Halki - Constantinople
August 7. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I feel that I owe you an apology for having delayed so long in writing you, but I hope that under the circumstances you will forgive me - Ever since Miss Lord left it has been next to impossible for me to write letters and I left everything to do in the holidays. However when school closed I was so tired that I did not feel equal to writing and only this week have begun to take up my correspondence.

It was a great trial to us all - but especially to me - to have

German - and best of all is an Earnest Christian.

I suppose you have heard how our Smyrna circle is scattered for the summer - The McNaughtons and McLachlans in Boodjah and the Bartletts and Miss Lawrence in Torre Pellice - I had a letter from Miss Lawrence this week and she writes most enthusiastically of the place and says that she feels like a new creature already - I am so glad for she was feeling very miserable before she left Smyrna -

I do not see how we can possibly manage next year with only Miss Harlow - of course she ought to have time to study the language and cannot give all her time to teaching - and I am sure that Miss Lawrence and I cannot take up all the rest of the work. If Miss Ford could have stayed or Miss Smith could have come it would have been very delightful, but as it is we must urge very strongly our plea for a new teacher. I suppose that it is impossible now to get anyone for the beginning of school, but perhaps some one could come later on.

We hear rather alarming reports just now of cholera in Smyrna - that there are 14 cases a day & about 7 deaths. They do not call it cholera however but gastro-enteritis. The papers here are so unreliable that one hardly knows what to believe. There is however a quarantine of ten days established for vessels touching at Smyrna, so that there

Miss Lord leave so suddenly - We miss her so much - and I feel so unworthy to try to take her place -

I do not know what we should have done - had not Mrs McNaughton come down for the last month and helped us - She took charge of the singing and helped us in our various meetings - Mr McNaughton also was most kind and assisted us in many ways - in regard to programmes - printing decorating etc. etc - I feel very, very grateful to them for all that they did for the school.

We had only one graduate this year - a Greek - Ariadne Massoouti. but she was a host in herself - She is a fine musician knows English exceptionally well - She also speaks French and must be something serious.

It may make a great deal of difference in opening our schools, if it really is cholera, and increases in violence -

This is such a delightful island and I am enjoying my stay here so much - I see Miss Gleason & Miss Jones frequently - they are staying at another hotel - The views in all directions are so lovely, and the air is so cool and refreshing - It is such a pleasant change from Smyrna, for the weather there was very hot before school closed.

With kindest regards.

Believe me, dear Dr Smith,

Sincerely yours,

Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum

Constantinople, Aug. 7-1893

Rec'd Aug. 24

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American School. Smyrna, Turkey.
Nov. 22. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House. Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I think Miss Lawrence wrote you last month of Miss Harlow's safe arrival and of our beginning school. We were quite discouraged at first by the small number in attendance, and even now we have only 83, but all schools in Smyrna are in the same circumstances - Parents are afraid to send their children to Smyrna - although all danger of cholera is long past. This week the quarantine has been entirely removed - no cases have been reported for a long time. I think our number of day pupils will probably be about the same as it was last year, but we have very few boarders - only 12 - and only 3 or 4 more who are sure to come - We had two other boarders - Jewesses - but they left last week on account of the food - their father came up and had a long conversation with me on the subject. He said the food was not suitable for growing girls and asked if we could not make some change, or else allow him to send them food from home - they were girls living in the city - As we could not agree to either of his propositions he took them out of school - The elder girl had a very bad influence over the other girls in school, so we were very happy to have her go - and we find a very decided change in the whole tone of the school.

We are very grateful indeed to have Miss Harlow with us - we enjoy her society so much and she is just the one for the position - she possesses great adaptability and is doing very nicely with the language -

We very much need another lady however - we have for the present been fortunate enough to secure the help of Miss Edith Blackler (Mrs. McLachlan's sister) for the present year - but we need a permanent supply - We have heard that there is a possibility that Miss May Dwight (daughter of Rev. H. O. Dwight) would be willing to come to Smyrna - Her father wrote us that she intended offering herself for missionary work in '94 & that he thought she would be willing to come to Smyrna. It would be very delightful if we could have her. We are all very much pleased with the thought.

We are hoping that a great deal of good will be done this winter, for our two pastors, Greek and Armenian, are such earnest spiritual men - We are glad to have Mrs Constantine with us again - And to welcome the new Scotch Doctor and his wife - We never before had such a delightful and harmonious missionary circle -

Please give my love to Mrs Smith, and believe me, with kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum,

Smyrna, Nov. 22, 1893.

Rec'd Dec. 11.

American School.
Smyrna, Turkey - Asia -
Feb. 27. 1894.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House, Boston.
Dear Dr. Smith,

Your letter of Dec. 14 was duly received. I trust you have noticed that we are taking turns in writing to you, so that every month you will receive a letter from Smyrna.

I have heard nothing further of or from Miss Dwight, so I fear that there is not much prospect of her being able to come to our assistance next year. It is however very necessary that we should have some one, as Miss Harlow is so delicate. We want especially to have some one who is able to teach gymnastics and vocal music, as both are too much of a strain for Miss Harlow. Gymnastics she is not able to teach at all, on account of her health, & I think she finds the vocal music very fatiguing. Of course she may be stronger when she is acclimatized. She has been confined to her room for two weeks now, with Influenza - This disease has been very dangerous in Smyrna this year - many more have died with it than with cholera last Summer. Miss Harlow has been making good progress in the language, and in every respect, but health, she is all that we could desire.

We have 96 pupils in school now, 16 of whom are boarders. Two of our girls - (Greeks) have recently accepted Christ and are giving us much pleasure by their consistent lives. We are hoping much from the earnest, faithful work of our two pastors, who are men "full of the Holy Ghost and of power".

We are very fortunate in our Greek and Armenian teachers this year. We have a new Greek master who is giving excellent satisfaction and our Greek lady teacher, one of our former pupils is a treasure, so faithful and conscientious.

With kind regards, believe me.

Sincerely yours,

Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum.
Smyrna, Feb. 27. 1894.
Rec'd March 20.

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Miss Emily McCallum.

American School.
Smyrna, May 22. 1894.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your favour of March 23rd reached me some weeks ago. Since then through letters from Miss Lord, and through your letter to Miss Harlow, we have learned the happy news that we are to have a fourth teacher next year. We feel very grateful to you for supplying our need so promptly. It was a great surprise to hear that Miss Pohl was as good as appointed, for we had not even heard that you had anyone in mind. We are very glad of all the good news we hear of Miss Pohl, and, particularly, to know that she is in good health.

Miss Bartlett read us your letter to her father, and as I intended to write you this week, I told her that I would answer your inquiries in regard to Miss Harlow, as Mr Bartlett is now away at Annual Meeting. You seem to think that Mr Bartlett's letter was very gloomy, but I am sure it was not more so than we all felt, only that we probably

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wrote more guardedly than he did. We have felt exceedingly anxious about Miss Harlow all the year— but particularly so since Christmas time. She had a very slight attack of La Grippe and could not seem to get back her strength, she also became very low spirited, and we did not know what to do for her. We had the best physician in the city to attend her. He said that the climate was not suited to her constitution and that the routine of school life was also bad for her. He advised by all means her return to America. However after a long rest and a visit to Magnesia Miss Harlow has resumed her class work and study of Armenian, though she still is not at all strong. The Doctor advised her getting away to the mountains for the summer, and we have been thinking that if any of our mission should go to Scotland she had better accompany them, or if not, then perhaps some one from Constantinople will be going to Switzerland. We all think it very necessary that Miss Harlow should have a complete change this summer, so that she may be prepared for next year's work. As this is her first year it may not be a fair test of her strength, and so feel that she ought to have another year's trial. Her illness has of course been very difficult for her to bear; and it has not been by any means an easy year for Miss Lawrence & me. It would be well not to mention what I have written in your letters to Miss Harlow, for she has no idea of the gravity of the situation.

We are now busy in preparing for examinations, which will take place June 4-8 - these are the written examinations of the Upper School - The week following we will have the oral examinations of the Primary Schools - the Greek, Armenian, and French Masters' Classes & the musical examinations - We are planning to close on June 28, when our Senior class will graduate - we have only four girls this year, one Greek & three Armenians.

We have had more than a hundred girls on the roll this year, so that as far as numbers go, our School has been prosperous - I am very sorry however that the financial condition is not equally good - There are several reasons for this - First, we have had fewer boarders this year, as many parents feared to send their daughters on account of cholera. And of course many of the expenses servants - fuel - lights etc are the same whether we have 10 boarders or 30 - 2nd We have had to have extra assistance in teaching - in the absence of a fourth teacher 3rd A number of scholars have been taken at reduced prices, on account of the hard times in Smyrna - However I hope that as our entire debt is less than the salary of a fourth teacher would have been, that you will not refuse to grant it to us - next year I hope we can be entirely free from debt.

So far no cases of cholera have been reported in Smyrna and we trust that we may be spared this summer - The uncertainty about quarantine makes it difficult for us to decide where to go. I had hoped to spend my summer in Sivas, but as there is a long quarantine I fear I shall have to give up my plan. We may possibly all stay near Smyrna.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily M. McCallum
Smyrna, May 22, 1894
Filed June 12

Miss Emily M. McCallum

American School.
Smyrna Jan. 18. 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I am very sorry that so long a time has passed without my writing to you, I have often intended to do so, but I seem to have had more to do this year than ever before & I have not felt at all strong and so have not accomplished much outside my school duties.

We are enjoying our Christmas holidays now and hope to re-open school on Monday, with renewed strength and courage. We have had such good meetings during the Week of Prayer and we are hoping this year to see many of our girls becoming Christians. There seems to be a more earnest spirit among them than ever before - & we have begun among the boarders a band of the Christian Endeavour - & are much pleased to see how faithful and conscientious the active members are - I have a very delightful daily Bible Class - we are studying the Acts & Epistles & my girls seem so interested in Spiritual things - I really believe they are Christians although they are still connected with the Old Armenian Church. There is not so much opposition to our work among the Armenians as among the Greeks. We have had a sewing teacher for the last year and a half - whom we liked very much indeed and she became very much attached to us and to the school, & was very much interested in spiritual things - but now her mother who is quite a fanatical Greek will not allow her to come to us any more - and we have to find another teacher. We are very sorry because we were very well satisfied with Kyria Katina, and then it is difficult to change in the middle of the year. I feel sorry for her too, poor girl, because I am afraid her mother will not let her have anything more to do with us and altho' she was interested I do not think she had decided for Christ.

You will be glad to hear that Miss Harlow is very much improved in health this year - Her trip to Scotland seemed to be just what she needed in order to strengthen her & she is able to do much more work in school, as well as to devote more time to her Armenian. She really seems like quite a different person, she is so cheerful and bright. We all like Miss Pohl very much indeed, she is so capable and energetic, and so willing to do everything she possibly can - She is getting on very nicely in Armenian, and is very much beloved by the girls - Miss Pohl asked to be remembered to you - She received your letter this week & wished me to thank you for it.

We have all felt very sorry about Miss Saunders' illness - It seems strange that when Miss Bartlett needed rest so much that she should on the contrary have to nurse some one else - She is so sweet and unselfish, however, that she does not consider herself at all - but lives only for others. I hope Miss Saunders will soon be strong again; it may be that the climate is trying to her as it was to Miss Harlow last year.

I had a great pleasure this fall in the visit of my brother and his family on their way to Marash. I am very much interested to know if they will stay there or if they will return to Erzroum - I always thought my brother better adapted for work in a Seminary than to the touring etc. in Erzroum - Still both he & his wife are very much attached to the work in Erzroum, so that it will not be easy to decide.

We have been very sorry to hear of Mrs Smith's illness, and trust that she may soon be restored to health and strength again -

Please give her my love and with

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kind regards, believe me,
Sincerely yours.
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum
Smyrna, Jan. 18, 1895.
Rec'd Feb. 11.

American School.
Smyrna, May 29. 1895.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House, Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I did not intend to leave your kind letter so long unanswered but Miss Lawrence and Miss Harlow wished to write in March and April and this is really Miss Pohl's month to write you, but as she was writing Mrs Means I asked her to let me write to you and that she would write next month - I do not know how it is that you have not heard more regularly, our intentions were good, but I am afraid we did not write promptly at the beginning of the month and so more than a month elapsed between each letter - I hope we shall do better next year.

I am sure you must think that with two new comers our work should be very much less - but in reality it seems to me that I never had so much work as this year - For one thing of course Miss Pohl and Miss Harlow are both studying Armenian and must have some time for study;

Miss Emily McCallum

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then we have been trying to be very economical this year and so Miss Pohl has been teaching three of our French classes & also drawing. This has proved a great saving of money to say noth of its being so much better done than it ever was before - but of course it left more English classes for the rest of us -

It has been a great comfort to us that Miss Harlow's health is so much improved this year - she has been able to do full work and has stood the heat of the past weeks so much better than we had dared to hope -

Our little Christian Endeavor Society has proved very helpful to our girls - we have never before had such delightful prayermeetings with them and I think the pledge has been very usefu to them - They have the pledge in their closets & many of them read it over every morning and they say it has helped them very much - As the King's Daug Society takes up benevolent, & mission work & we ha already in school a Y. W. C. T. U. - we have simply taken up the religious part of the C. E. We had our prayermeetings on Sunday evening, but as the English service is changed to the evening, we have our meeting on Saturda evening and find that it makes a very good preparation for Sunday.

We are looking forward now to the close of school and will all be very glad of a rest - we have our examinations in music and gymnastics & a little bazaar for the King's Daughters on Friday June 7th - & as we had no graduating class this year, we have the examinations of the primary schools with an exhibition of the fancy work, drawing etc. on June 27th, on which day we expect to close -

In looking back over the year I feel that we have so much to be thankful for - in the first place for the uniform good health of the teachers and scholars - for the measure of success which has been granted us in our work and especially for the Spiritual blessings which we have received.

In your letter to me you referred to the Congregational party under the leadership of Dr Dunning - They reached Smyrna last week and we had the pleasure of seeing a number of them at the school - They were only here two days & the second day they went to Ephesus, it very fortunately

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happened to be a holiday, so Miss Harlow and Miss Pohl were able to accompany them and had a most delightful time. We have had a number of pleasant visitors this spring, but none whom we enjoyed more than Mrs Baker, president of the Amherst branch - She is to live in Boston, so I hope that you may meet her - and hear of her visit to the school. She did us all so much good and we were very sorry to part with her.

I hear frequently from my brother in Marash and am glad that he seems so happy in his work there - He seems to enjoy his theological work so much - I am sorry Mr Lee's health seems to be so poor - I am hoping some time to spend a summer with my brother. I am so anxious to see my little niece and nephew again -

Miss Lawrence has just come back from Annual Meeting and we have all enjoyed hearing of the work in the different stations - I hope that after this one may go every year from the school - There is some prospect, however, that Annual Meeting may be here next-year - I hope very much it may be - I know I always look back with so much pleasure to the Annual Meeting I attended in Marsovan -

I hope that Mrs Smith is feeling quite herself again - Please give her my love and believe me, with kind regard,

Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum,
Smyrna, May 29, 1895.
Rec'd June 13.

24 Franklin Street,
Dresden, Germany Aug. 22. 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith D. D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your kind letter of June 22nd was forwarded to me here, but as Miss Pohl wished to write you last month I have delayed writing - I do not know if Miss Harlow and I will again write you about the same time for she and Miss Saunders are now in the country and we do not see them very often - Usually we go out once a week to see them - they are living in a beautiful little village, just on the borders of a great forest, so that they have lovely walks in all directions - I think it has done them both good to be there - every time we go, we notice an improvement - Miss Harlow seems so bright and well. and Miss Saunders, who did not seem to gain at all here in the city, says she feels better now than she has since she left America - I am very glad about it, for we have all felt anxious in regard to her health - However Miss Harlow was so miserable during her

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first year in Smyrna, and now she is so well. so we hope Miss Saunders may have the same experience -

Miss Pohl probably wrote you that I am staying with her - Her father and mother have been kindness itself to me, and I have had such a delightful summer - I am feeling better than I have done for a long time - I think the complete change of scene and climate has been very good for me and I hope to be able to do more for the school than ever before -

I do not know if you visited Dresden when you were abroad - It is a most charming city - and it is most delightful to see the beautiful pictures & hear the exquisite music. I have been trying to get all the new ideas I could for the school. it is so easy to get into a rut - I feel very hopeful about the school for next year, for it seems as if we should be better equipped than ever before - I do not know if any one has written you about the Greek Kindergarten which we plan to have in connection with our school - Miss Bartlett had thought of having a Greek department in her Kindergarten, but as she finally decided not to have it, we engaged one of her last year's graduates & decided to try the experiment - I hope it will be successful - There in our primary Greek department we have never had a good teacher, and I think that is one reason why our Greek department has remained so small - This year Mrs. Kalopothakes of Athens wrote me of a very lovely girl, who had graduated from the Arsakeion - (the highest girls' school in Athens) and wished to teach - Her father was a Scotch missionary, and a very good man - while her mother, from everyone's account must have been a perfect saint - she spent her time amongst the poor - in the prisons and the hospitals, Bessie, has her mother's lovely Christian character so I am hoping much from her influence in the school - Her parents died when she was very young, so she has been brought up by her grandparents, who live in Athens - Her grandfather is Greek & her grandmother English - so that she really has very little Greek blood in her veins but as her education has been entirely in Greek schools, she is quite competent - she will also be able to help Miss Pohl in teaching drawing

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and gymnastics - for which I shall be very glad, for Miss Pohl really was overtaxed last year - her classes were so very large -
In our Armenian Primary department we still have our faithful Ariste Noorig - She has been with us for ten years and we value her most highly - She is a fine teacher and much beloved by all her pupils -
Our other teachers Miss Ariadne & Miss Vosti have also been with us for some time - they are our own pupils - and so we know them well - I think we are exceptionally fortunate in having such reliable faithful Greek and Armenian teachers - It is a great comfort and satisfaction to me -

I was sorry not to be able to see my brother and his family this summer - but on account of the long quarantine, it would have been exceedingly difficult to make the journey Perhaps next year communication may be easier - I am very glad that he is permanently stationed at Marash - He seems to enjoy the work there, and to find the climate pleasant -

I was very glad to learn from your

letter to Miss Pohl that Mrs. Smith was really improving in health - I hope she will soon be quite well again - Please give her my love - Miss Pohl wishes to send kindest remembrances to you both -

With kindest regards,

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily [illegible]

Dresden, Aug. 22, 1895

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Smyrna. Jan. 30. 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith. D. D.
Congregational House. Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I very much regret that there should have been such a long delay in answering your kind letter of Oct. 25 - I think Miss Pohl told you in her letter that I had not been at-all well and that hindered me very much in my correspondence - for, for some time I did not feel able to do anything beyond school work - Then came Miss Harlow's illness which caused her to be out of school for the last three weeks of the year - Mr Bartlett & Miss Mellinger kindly came to our assistance and helped us out with her classes or I do not know what we should have done - We all feel convinced that Miss Harlow will never be able to do more than half work, and I think that she now realizes it herself - This is her third year in Turkey and if she were ever able to do full work it should be now - But in arranging the classes this year I gave her just the same number as to Miss Pohl - & before school closed for the Xmas

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vacation. She was feeling quite miserable. Of course her return will be a matter for consideration, but I fear that school work is too confining for Miss Harlow and the Dr. told me some time ago that this climate was not at all suitable for her. We are all very much attached to Miss Harlow and deeply regret the necessity for her going home - but it seemed the best thing for her to do under the circumstances, especially as Miss Bartlett really required a companion. The departure of these three members of our station has made a very decided difference to us all.

It seems very Providential that Miss Griswold of Broosa, should just at this time be free to come to us, and you will I am sure be glad to know that we are to have her with us until the close of this school year. Miss Griswold was to leave Broosa the beginning of this week and will probably soon be with us.

We had a very pleasant visit in the Xmas vacation from Miss Snow of the Girls' College & from our own Miss Saunders - It was especially pleasant to have Miss Saunders here, & we were glad to find that her health is much better than it was last year - Probably the change of climate was largely the cause of her ill health - Last week Miss Saunders took Miss Harlow's classes, as Miss Mellinger wished to have her time for packing up the Bartlett's things, and the girls were so enthusiastic over her teaching, I have seldom known them to be so delighted with a teacher as they were with her. I think Miss Saunders has grown very much spiritually since she first came out.

You will be glad to know that we have had a very successful year so far. We have had over 140 scholars, but a few have dropped out on account of sickness - only 22 are boarders - The Gregorians seem especially friendly this year and are so grateful for the interest we take in their suffering brethren in the Interior - We have lent our school room twice for concerts on behalf of the Armenians - We do not have to get permission to have a concert but the Armenians cannot even have examinations (public ones) without permission - so that they were very much pleased to use our school hall - At the first concert they cleared $136 (thirty one liras) the returns from the last are not made up yet - but they hope to have from £150 to £180 -

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We have collected in the school by self denial weeks and by gifts about £16 which have been sent to Van - Erzroom - Harpoot and Marash - Now we are sending off bales of clothing to Arabkir and Marash - But it seems as if all that we could do was so little in comparison with all the need.

I have been very anxious at times about my brother & his family in Marash, but everything now seems to be quiet - I had a letter from him this week - dated Jan 8th - saying that they are all well and that things in the city seem to be improving -

Here in Smyrna, everything is quiet - we have heard rumours of further trouble in the South & that English troops have been landed at Alexandretta, but of course there may not be any truth in this - The French, Italian & Russian men-of-war left Smyrna this week & it is said that they have also gone to Alexandretta - Very probably you in America will know more of the real state of affairs than we do.

We have always had a teachers' prayermeeting every noon, but this year the girls also have one, in which Gregorians & Protestants unite in prayer for all the persecuted and suffering ones - It seems as if one good result of all these awful troubles would be to break down the wall of prejudice that there has always been between Protestants & Gregorians & so to bring us all closer together.

We have all been saddened by the news of dear Dr. Clark's death - It is a great privilege to have known such a man - his words of counsel to me on my first coming out to Turkey - I have always treasured - What an abundant entrance must have been granted him!

Please give my love to Mrs. Smith and with kindest regards, Believe me,

Sincerely yours.
Emily McCallum.

Smyrna, Jan. 30, '96.
Filed Feb. 18.

American School, Smyrna, May 15/96.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.,
Congregational House,
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your favour of Feb. 20th should have been answered before, but we were all a little late in writing - I am afraid you think we are very careless, but truly we are exceedingly busy and time passes before we are aware - I cannot realize that this school year is so nearly over -

In looking back over the past months - it seems as if we had nothing but mercies to record - the health of the school has been uniformly good - we have had no obstacles from the government, and we have had larger numbers than ever before - We have 142 pupils - in regard to nationality - 1 American - 7 English 12 Jewesses - 29 Greeks & 93 Armenians -

We are very happy to have Miss Griswold with us, and she is indeed a very valuable addition to our teaching force. She is a fine teacher, a good disciplinarian and in every way just the teacher we need.

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I wish very much that we could keep her permanently - but she only promises to stay for one year more - She seems to enjoy her classes here - they are quite a change from the elementary work she had in Broosa. She has classes in Bible - Ancient History - Grammar - Astronomy - Algebra & Vocal music so that her time is quite full, especially as most of her classes are quite large.

Miss Pohl is somewhat better than she was in the winter, I hope that it is only the effect of the climate upon her & that next year she will be quite herself again - She has really felt quite miserable this year - in fact the Doctor feared that she was threatened with nervous prostration. We persuaded her to give up her Armenian lessons and I took one of her classes so as to relieve her a little - I think very often the second year is harder than the first, one feels the effect of the climate more, and (particularly when one is very enthusiastic) the work often seems to go so slowly, and our time appears to be taken up so largely with what appears to be secular work - & so one's enthusiasm flags and everything seems discouraging - It is a hard experience to pass through & I feel great sympathy with young missionaries in their trials & disappointments -

I had a very pleasant visit to Constantinople at Easter and saw Miss Saunders there - As you probably know she is planning to return to Smyrna next fall and is going to live with us, though she will have her classes in the Kindergarten building - We shall be very glad indeed to have Miss Saunders because we are all fond of her - She has developed very much in Christian character since she came to the mission field & she is a splendid teacher - not only in her own special line, but in whatever she undertakes - Miss Saunders hopes to have a training class here next year - I hope there will be no difficulty about the girls coming from the different stations - It is a very serious problem to us now to know what we are to do with the girls whom we have been training as teachers - if the estimates are to be cut down every year so that all the

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schools are to be closed & the outstations given up, what is the use of educating girls as teachers? - Most of these beneficiaries are wholly dependent upon us & we have been expecting to find work for them in the outstations, but if we are disappointed in that what can we do with the girls? - For instance - here is Olga, who has been in school for five years - she is an earnest Christian girl & has a very pleasant way with children. She speaks English - Greek, Armenian & Turkish, & we had hoped to send her to Samsoun where she would have both Greek & Armenian children to teach, but now I fear that will not be possible - her father is miserably poor & can not do anything for her - in fact I fear he could hardly find her bread to eat - This is only one case among many -

We are just waiting for Rev Mc Naughton to come home in order to have a trustee meeting and decide about these poor girls - Mr McLachlan is so overworked that he can not do any of these extra things - he really has far too much to do - I hope next year he will have a good helper -

For the summer I think most of us are to stay near Smyrna - Miss Griswold may go to Broosa - I am going to Boodjah with the Murrays - Miss Pohl and Miss Lawrence have not decided where they will stay, but only that they will remain near Smyrna.

We are so glad to hear that Miss Bartlett is improving, but we do most earnestly hope that she will not return for another year - we all feel that her health should be thoroughly established before she comes back to her work -

Although we are very sorry not to have Miss Harlow with us, we feel that she has decided wisely, in resigning her connection with the Board.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Smyrna, May 15, 1896

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Smyrna, Nov. 3. 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith;

You will, I am sure be glad to learn of the very successful opening which our schools have had this year - We feared that this year we would have very few scholars, as the Bishop seemed to be using all his influence against us, & we heard that among the Armenians generally there was a great deal of opposition. However, either what we heard was very much exaggerated, or else the opposition has only made the people more anxious to send their children, for we have now enrolled 160, quite an unprecedented number for us - Of these by far the greater number are Armenians, but we have more Jewesses than ever before - 35 there are at present, while before we have never had more than 10 or 12 - I wish you could see our girls - I am sure you would be interested

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in their bright faces - It seems to me, too, that there is a very good spirit in the school this year - the girls seem earnest and thoughtful - I do hope that we shall be blessed spiritually - I have been very much interested, lately, in reading the account of Rev. Andrew Murray's schools in South Africa; and the wonderful way in which they have been blessed spiritually - Is it our lack of faith which keeps us from enjoying the same? Or is God trying us by delaying the answer of our prayers?

We have an excellent staff of teachers this year - our entire Greek staff is changed and we have a new professor & two new teachers All are taking hold of the work very well indeed, and I have been much pleased with the spirit they display - In the Armenian department our faithful Uriorte Noonig, who had been with us for 11 years has left and is teaching in Mrs Newell's school in Constple. In her place here we have one of our own graduates - who has been teaching in the Brousa school, ever since she left school - She is a good faithful girl & an earnest

Christian.

Miss Pohl's good health this year is a great pleasure to us all, she is so well and strong - quite a different person from what she was last year, and so full of energy and enthusiasm that she is quite ready to take all the work of the school upon herself - I think she will prove a very valuable worker - She has just had a very interesting trip to Magnesia with Mrs McNaughton and did a great deal of visiting - both in schools and in families - they are planning to visit some other out stations at Christmas time.

Miss Griswold feels that she must go home at the close of this school year, as she knows that her mother wishes it very much - she is the only daughter unmarried, & she thinks it is her duty to go - I wish very much it were possible for her to stay - for we are all so much attached to her - She is a fine teacher and is so sensible and helpful in every way - I value her exceedingly & if it were possible to influence her mother to allow her to remain at least for one year more I should be most grateful.

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Miss Laurence is, of course, very happy to have her brother with her - he seems to enjoy the work here - and to be very ready to take up any duty presented to him.

We were hoping to have Miss Saunders live with us this year, but as there was such a strong feeling that she should live in the house with the training class, we could not have her come - she takes lunch and dinner with us however, and we try to see as much of her as possible, so that she may not feel lonely - She has probably written you about the Kindergarten, so I need not repeat.

I wonder if any one has written you of Mr Moschou's visit to Mitylene, and of the great interest shown by the people there - They seemed to be really prepared to receive the Word of God, and listened so eagerly to both Mr & Mrs Moschou - Now Mr Moschou has gone to Cyprus, where he will stay for a month and we are hoping that his labours may be greatly blessed - I have always longed to see Evangelistic work taken up in the Greek islands, and hitherto so little has been done in that line. The people are simpler there than in the seaport towns, and I should think would be more easily reached. The Greek work is really in its infancy - scarcely more than a beginning has been made.

I trust that Mrs Smith is feeling much better this year, will you kindly give her my love, and believe me, dear Dr. Smith with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Smyrna, Nov. 3, 1896.

Rec'd Nov. 23.

American School.
Smyrna. March 4. 1897.

Rev Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House, Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I think that my letter of November must have reached you soon after you mailed your letter to me, so that some of the questions you asked were thus answered. I feel sorry that there have been so few letters written you this year, but it has seemed impossible to find time for letters. Miss Lawrence I think has written you of the long siege we have had with typhoid. We had three cases in all, but they were very tedious and I think for quite eight weeks we had continual illness in the house. When the last patient was convalescent the Doctor insisted on my going away for a little change. I had had a good deal of the nursing to do and had lost so much sleep that he feared I might break down. I went to Sokia, a town beyond Ephesus & had a delightful visit there with an English friend Mrs Lewis, and came

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back to school feeling much better for the rest.

We have lost some pupils on account of this fever, as their parents were afraid to send them to school, but we still have 170 - so that our hands are full -

You will be glad to hear that there is a very good spirit in the school this year and more religious interest - Three of our girls have lately decided for Christ, and are so happy in their new life - We are hoping and praying that many more will follow - I have no doubt that Marianthe's death made a great impression upon the whole school - and she was so happy and so glad to go that it has made the other girls think more seriously of their condition.

We have been so glad to welcome Miss Pohl again - It was very noble and unselfish of her father to spare her to us - The girls all love her very much She is so enthusiastic & warmhearted that she wins all their hearts -

I have just received a letter from my sister in Kingston which seems to promise very well for us - She writes of a Miss Gordon who will graduate from Queen's University this Spring, and who wishes very much to come out to Smyrna - My sister says that she is very clever & has a charming disposition. She is very conscientious & exact & yet so kindly & loving - If you searched all Canada I do not think you could find a better teacher. Her name is Anna Gordon & her address 21 King Street, Kingston Ontario -

I intend to write to her this week - & I shall tell her to write to Dr Daniels if she really decides to come -

I should be delighted if we could hope to keep Miss Griswold permanently, but her mother is so opposed to her even staying one year more, that it makes it very difficult for her to be happy here - She and Miss Pohl are such good workers, and so helpful in every way - They were so good when we had all that illness in helping with the sick ones, and so unselfish in every way.

While I was writing Mrs Murray (formerly Miss Kirtland) came in - She asked me to give her kind regards to you - She expects to go to America in June, and hopes to land in Boston and see you at the Rooms -

You have probably heard that Miss Saunders is quite well again - Indeed I think she looks better than I have ever seen her.

Miss Pohl sends her best regards and says she has been wanting to write to you for a long time and means to do it as soon as she can.

Please give my love to Mrs Smith and believe me with kindest regards

Sincerely yours.
Emily McCallum.

Smyrna, March 4, 1897.
Rec'd March 23.

Smyrna April 15, 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your kind letter of March 24th reached me last Saturday while I was out at Caratash for a little change and rest. I have not seemed able to recover from the strain of nursing, & have been feeling miserable for a long time - Finally I came down with Influenza and I hope now after a course of treatment & of rest that I shall be able to go on with my work until the end of the year.
I delayed answering your letter until I could come into town and consult with the other missionaries in regard to the matter of Miss Smith.
When I wrote to you in regard to Miss Gordon - I did not know that there was any hope of Miss Smith's coming back - I think all who knew her in the station would be glad of her return

Miss Lawrence is the only one now in school who knows her - Both Mr McNaughton & Mr McLachlan speak in the highest terms of Miss Smith, but as there is so much doubt in regard to her return & as Miss Gordon seems to be available now, while if she gets into other work now, we might lose her next year - they suggest that we get Miss Gordon this year in order to make sure of her, and next year if Miss Smith is able to come get her in Miss Griswold's place - I think we may just as well accept Miss Griswold's decision as final - This constant conflict with her mother is wearing her all out and she says most decidedly that this is her last year here and that she will not in any case return - We are all exceedingly sorry, for we should have been only too glad to have her as a permanent member of the station. I do not know if this suggestion in regard to Miss

Smith and Miss Gordon will meet with your approval - I suppose I feel a little sceptical in regard to Miss Smith's return, for I have heard of it so often during the past five years - However if you decide to send out Miss, in case she can come, I have no doubt she will prove a very valuable teacher. I must confess I have a great desire to have Miss Gordon - for from all I hear she must be a rare girl and her earnest Christian spirit seems to be just what we need in school.

Mr McNaughton has today started on his tour with the Interior - we hope he may be greatly blessed - he will probably be gone 5 or 6 weeks -

With kindest regards,

Sincerely Yours
Emily McCallum.

Smyrna, Apr. 15, 1897.

Rec'd May 7.

Smyrna, Turkey.
June 3. 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your kind letter of May 13th reached me last week, but it was impossible for me to reply sooner.

I regret to learn from your letter that there is any doubt in regard to Miss Gordon's coming out - The question of time was not mentioned at all in her communication with me and so I took it for granted that she would make application for a permanent appointment. I quite agree with all you say in regard to the decision being made for life service - one ought to be free from all other thoughts & duties + yet on the other hand, do you not think that usually those who come out as teachers want to stay permanently?- I do hope that Miss Gordon will re-consider her decision, but if she still wishes to come for a limited time would you not be willing to send her & me will hope that she will grow to love the work so much that she will not want to leave. I hope you will not think this a very presumptuous suggestion on my part.

You probably know already, that Miss Lawrence left us on the 8th of May. She was feeling very miserable indeed and when the Murrays were leaving, she said that she would go with them. We had a letter from her yesterday from London & she still complains of being far from well - Miss Pohl took her Class in Ethics & I her Rhetoric & her Bible Class came in with mine - The matron's work has been taken up by one of our former Greek teachers - who left us to be married. Now her husband has no work & she is very glad to come back to us. She seems to be doing very well indeed - if she continues as at present I shall be very much pleased with her -

We have had a great loss in our Armenian department - Miss Balabanian - one of our own graduates - who has been teaching for us now for seven years and who has been President of our King's Daughters' Society ever since its organization, became engaged to be married early in May & so left us very suddenly. Her younger sister, also a graduate of our school, has taken her classes, but it has not proved very satisfactory & I have had a great deal of extra work in consequence. We miss Miss Balabanian continually - she was so helpful in every way, such a faithful attendant at our noon prayer-meetings & so interested in all the girls. I do not know whom we shall be able to get to take her place.

We are all well at present, but feeling rather tired as the end of the term is drawing near. We expect to close school on Wednesday June 30th. We have a graduating class of three Armenians & so we have invited Dr Greene to come down from Constantinople and give an address in Armenian - as the audience will be largely Armenian.

We have been busy lately in preparing a Calendar for the School - it is to be printed in English, Armenian and Greek - we really need something of the kind very much, as the little printed slips we had before did not amount to much -

Mr McNaughton told me, yesterday, that the Prudential Committee had very kindly granted the allowance asked for the summer - I am very grateful indeed, for I feel as if I ought to have a change, & yet without this help it would have been impossible for me to leave Smyrna. We are thinking of going by steamer to Trieste & then going to some of the little mountain villages in Carniola - Mr Pohl will probably join us and he knows all that district very well, so will be able to direct us. We hope to make a number of walking tours - I should have explained that "we" means Miss Pohl Miss Griswold & myself - Mrs McNaughton may join us, or she may go to England, she has not yet decided. I hope the mountain air will just be what we all need to build us up and prepare us for the work of another year.

With kindest regards, believe me dear Dr. Smith,

Sincerely yours.
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily McCallum St

Smyrna, June 3 - 1897

Rec'd. June 21

Miss Emily McCallum
Tarvis, Kärnthen, Austria.

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August 3. 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Rec'd Aug. 17

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your kind letter of June 28th was forwarded to me here. I was sorry to learn from its contents that there was little hope of Miss Gordon's coming out to us. A letter received from her a few days ago informs me that the matter is really decided. I am very sorry indeed, but I suppose it must be for the best. Miss Gordon writes that you have some one well qualified for the position, who will come on a permanent appointment. I hope we shall soon know who it is & that she will be able to come out for the beginning of the school term (Oct. 11) — If we can only

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You will be pleased to kn
that we have found a most
delightful summer home among
the Carnic Alps – The scenery is
most beautiful – & there are
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We are here in Tarvis 750 metres
above the sea – but we have made
excursions to different places
in the vicinity, from 800 to 1000
metres above sea level – Next week
we hope to climb a mountain

about 1800 metres high - on the top of which is a pilgrimage church, to which the peasants flock in large numbers sometimes as many as 4000 being there at one time. We have visited two lovely mountain lakes - & have taken many walks in the fine beech & pine woods - the green forests & meadows are so refreshing after the dry brown hills of Smyrna - The weather here is delightfully cool - Last week most of the time the thermometer stood at 50° - when we left Smyrna it was 98° - so it is quite a change for us - We are all feeling much better & hope to be prepared for our next year's work - We will leave here in season to be in Smyrna, about the 20th of September -

Hoping to hear from you soon about our new associate, and with kindest regards,

Believe me dear Dr. Smith,
Very sincerely yours.
Emily McCallum.

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Smyrna. Turkey.
Dec. 2. 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith,

You have already heard from Miss Pohl and Miss Griswold about the opening of school and the pleasant prospects of the year.

We have not so large a number of pupils as we had last year - we have only 140 - but we have a better class of girls - I declined to receive several girls who caused us a great deal of trouble last year, they were very disobedient & not at all inclined to learn - and their influence on the other pupils was decidedly bad, so we all agreed it was much better not to allow them to return. Now almost all our girls are studious and seem inclined to be obedient and good - so that I hope we shall have a very successful year. Last month two of our Greek boarders united with the church here - They are two who came from the Broosa school. and shortly after their arrival here, decided for Christ. They are both very fine girls, one graduates this year and one next. Greek teachers are so much needed in the various mission schools that I shall be very glad to have two such fine scholars to recommend. The only difficulty will be to persuade their parents to allow them to go to the Interior.

I wish you could have been here on Thanksgiving Day to see all our schools assembled in the Church – It is the one day in the year when they all come – & it is quite an inspiring sight – It makes one long to have them oftener. We have a prayermeeting with the girls from 9 to 10 a.m. when they recite verses of praise & either ~~tell~~ or write some of their causes for thanksgiving – It is a very bright interesting meeting & is as much an institution of the school as is our teachers' noon prayermeeting – At 10.30 a.m. we go to church. and have a short service – and then we have dinner with the girls inviting all the day teachers & the members of the graduating class – & then if it is good weather we go to walk or if raining, we play games with the girls.

so that they quite look forward to Thanksgiving and think it one of the nicest days in the year.

Miss Mills is a very great addition to our circle and we all are delighted with her - you could not possibly have sent us any one who could have suited us more perfectly - She is a fine teacher, an earnest Christian, and is so sweet & unselfish that she gets on well with every body - She is working faithfully at the language - of course that is always hard work at first, but then being Greek it is so interesting - that I think Miss Mills will take real pleasure in it.

Miss Pohl has taken up the study of Armenian again - She has never had a fair chance before, but I hope that she will be able to make good progress, especially as she is more enthusiastic over it than ever before -

You will be glad to know that we are all in excellent health - The summer's change seems to have been just the thing I needed & I am better & stronger than I have been for years - I hope I shall be able to do my full share this year instead of dragging along as I did last year.

I am very anxious to know what will be the answer Miss Lord will give to the invitation. If it should be negative, and you try to find some one else, would you make a specialty of being able to teach singing? That is one of the imperative qualifications of the teacher who will come out next year. Unfortunately Miss Mills, Miss Pohl & I, are all quite unable to teach singing & it is quite a necessity in school.

We are so disappointed at the recent news from Miss Bartlett. It does not seem as if she were gaining at all. And now she has been almost two years at home. It must be such a trial both to her and her father, because I know their hearts are in the work here.

Please give my love to Mrs Smith and believe me with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Miss Emily M. McCallum
Smyrna, Dec. 2, 1894.
Rec'd Dec. 20.
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Smyrna, Oct. 22. 1898.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

I do not wish to let the first month of school pass without writing a word to you about the opening & the prospects for the year. I do hope that this year we may be able to write you monthly letters, as you desire - I can assure you our intentions are good, but often the stress of work makes it next to impossible for us to write as we wish.

I do not know if you have heard that Miss Pohl & I spent our summer holidays in the Interior, she in Marsovan & I in Sivas. I had a delightful visit & returned quite well & strong, but Miss Pohl was not so fortunate, she was taken ill with high fever just a few days after coming here & shortly before school opened. So that when the 3rd of October came we were very short handed, as no one had arrived to take Miss Griswold's place &

Miss Pohl was not only unable to teach but needed great care - The Dr. said it was neurasthenia, she suffered much - but finally this week was able to go out to the McNaughtons at Caratash for a change. I was out to see her today & she seemed very frail to me - She hopes to come in by the first of November, but I doubt her being able - Miss Saunders has very kindly taken two of her classes & Miss Mills has one - the others we are providing for as best we can - It seemed to us very providential that the new tutor of the Boys' School should be a married man & so we could have Mrs Caldwell to take Miss Griswold's place - I hope you will approve of our engaging Mrs Caldwell & be willing to grant the salary I asked for in my letter to the Woman's Board - Mrs Caldwell is from Carleton College & is a delightful woman - an earnest Christian & she seems to be a fine teacher - We all like her very much & feel most thankful to have her here - I do not know what we could do without her.

We have now 141 pupils, but we know of a number who are coming - we shall probably have 150 or 160 when all are here - we have such a nice set of girls & it seems to me that the girls this year are unusually earnest and diligent - We have a Senior Class of only three - two Greeks - both Church members, & one Armenian - a Gregorian -

Miss Mills has proved herself a treasure, she is so helpful & sweet tempered and is very much loved by the girls - We feel very grateful that you sent us such a helper - She has been hindered in her language study so far this year by all the extra work she has had, but will I hope soon be able to take up her Greek again. Miss Caldwell, not having a language to study, is able to do more work than a regularly appointed missionary could do.

Please give my love to Mrs Smith, and believe me, with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
Emily McCallum.

Oct. 23rd – I open my letter to add that Miss Pohl is very dangerously ill with Phlebitis – the same disease her mother died of just two years ago – The Dr. feels very anxious about her & feels that her father ought to know – Poor man it will be a terrible blow to him – I am sure you will feel for us all in our trouble – Will you please communicate this news to the officers of the W. B. M. – that we may have your special prayers –

Even in case of recovery Miss Pohl will have a long illness – weeks in bed & certainly not able to return to the school until after Christmas

Smyrna, Oct. 22, 1898
Rec'd Nov. 10

American Mission

Smyrna Feb. 6 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I am sorry that I have not been able to write you more frequently this year, but I hope that you have heard from other members of the mission of all the illness we have had and therefore will excuse my seeming negligence.

Miss Pohl, as of course you know, was out of school for the first three months, we were exceedingly anxious about her for some time, but now she is very well except for a slight lameness - We are very glad to have her back again, and to find that she is really stronger than she has been for more than a year -

Mrs Caldwell was ill for more than a month & Miss Mills & I had to divide up her work - and Miss Saunders too was not well, so that we had three teachers ill (Miss Saunders had taken two of Miss Pohl's Classes) at the same time - It was a very difficult time, but fortunately - it occurred just before the holidays and so we soon had a chance to rest, which was a great blessing. Now I am very thankful to say that we are all well - and I hope we shall not have any more sickness this year.

You will have heard of course of Miss Bartlett's arrival - Both she and Miss Lawrence are looking very well we think - Mr Bartlett looks like quite a different man, now that his daughter has come - It was a great trial for them to be separated even for these few months.

American Mission

Smyrna 1

You will be glad to know that as far as the school is concerned we are having a very prosperous year. The spirit of the girls is good and they are most diligent in their studies - in fact one of my greatest difficulties is in refusing permission (on these cold, dark, winter mornings) to the girls to get up at 4 o'clock to study. There are 145 pupils in school 83 Armenians 38 Greeks - 19 Jewesses 3 English 2 Turks - one little boy came to our Kindergarten last year & he is back again & now a little cousin of his, a girl of 7 has come - These are the first Turks we have ever had in school and we feel very much interested in them. When the little girl first came, she was very much concerned at being in a school with so many "infidels". but she seems to be very friendly now. Both the fathers speak English & seem so anxious that their children should be allowed to stay in school. So far no one has come from the government to inquire about them - but it seems the new laws are very strict & even the Pasha has been obliged to take his son out of the French school here.

We are very grateful indeed for your goodness in allowing us to have Mrs Caldwell. She is very able and efficient - and we all think a great deal of her. I wonder what is being done about a permanent supply. There is Miss Gordon of Ottawa, who Mr McLachlan says is now quite ready to come & Miss Caldwell a graduate of Carleton & Miss Fletcher of Smith - we have heard of all these as being willing to come & hope that we shall soon hear of some one being appointed. I am hoping to go home on furlough in 1900 as I shall then have been out 8 years, and I should be very glad if the new teacher could be here next year & get somewhat accustomed to the work & begin the language before I leave. In writing to the W.B.M. I said something about ability to teach vocal music being a necessity - I still think it most desirable. But for the next two years it would be possible for us to get Mrs Caldwell if it is not possible to find any one for the school who can take charge of the vocal music.

I really feel very much troubled that you should so often have to find supplies for the Smyrna School. It is very discouraging I know, and it is not very easy for us who are on the ground either - I have seen many come & go in the 14 years I have been here.

We have much to be thankful for this week in the wonderful preservation of Mr McNaughton & several of our pupils - one of the small steamers on which they were going to Caratash collided with another & in 8 minutes went down - Fortunately all on board were saved - and we all feel that God has been very merciful to us.

Please give my love to Mrs Smith & believe me with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Emily McCallum.

Smyrna, Feb. 6, 1899.

Rec'd Feb. 25.

Miss Emily McCallum

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Smyrna, Turkey.
June 3. 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House,
Boston.

Rec'd June 19

Dear Dr. Smith,

I was very much disappointed to hear from a letter from Miss Platt, that she is still uncertain as to whether she will be accepted for Smyrna or not. Perhaps I ought not to write you about it, as you may have some good reason for the delay, but so far as we can find out Miss Platt seems to be just the one we want. Her specialties are vocal music & English just exactly what we wanted in our new teacher. Perhaps you do not realize how

very necessary it is some
one should come out this fall
Mrs Caldwell has helped us th
year it is true, but she is ve
delicate, & it has been by
no means the same as to havin
another teacher in the hou
besides we have felt that we
should spare her in every
possible way. Then Miss
Pohl has not been well all
the year, so that the whole
burden has fallen really o
Miss Mills & myself. & it h
been by no means easy. I
hope Miss Pohl will get
better this summer. She i
thinking of going to France
to the Drôme. I spent a
very delightful summer
there once among the Frenc

Protestants - It is a mountainous place - among the lower Alps & very bracing - I do not quite know what village she will go to -

I hope to go home in the summer of 1900 on furlough - it will be 8 years then that I will have been out the second time - It would be most desirable that our new teacher should come this year & begin language study & get a little accustomed to the school before I leave.

Please excuse me if I have said too much on the subject but I am so anxious that you should quite understand the situation -

With kind regards. Believe me dear Mr Smith,

Sincerely yours.
Emily McCallum

Rev. Alexander Mac Lachlan
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Smyrna November 24th 1891

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:

I owe you both an apology and an explanation for my seeming negligence in not acknowledging your recent letters. Your favors of Aug 8th, Aug 25th, Sept. 25th & Sept. 30th are all before me unanswered. Since our arrival in Smyrna more than two months ago, what with getting our Boys School in running order & getting our home settled in my spare moments, I have not been able to find time to write a letter, even to my Mother. Now the pressure of work is gradually relieving & hereafter I expect to be able to find time for necessary correspondence.

Let me refer to your letters in the order of their dates. Your letter of Aug 8th brought me your advice in regard to the readjustment of my account & I have to thank you for your prompt action in this matter. It will be my duty to write Mr Ward in regard to this new readjustment of my account incident on my transfer to Smyrna.

as soon as I can find time to do so.

Yours of Aug 25th inclosed blanks for life memoranda of Mrs. MacLachlan and myself. I will endeavor if possible to have these blanks filled out and forwarded to you by even mail with this letter.

Your long letter of Sept. 25th was in reply to the inquiry I wrote you in behalf of the Central Turkey Mission in regard to the standing of the lady members of the Mission. I am glad to have your full statement of the case, & I will convey it to the Mission at once.

In your favor of Sept. 30th you advise me of the action of the Prudential Committee in regard to our transfer to Smyrna. And now let me tell you something of our Schools. When we arrived here about the middle of September we found plenty of work awaiting us, as little or nothing had been done in the line of preparation for our opening on Oct 1st. We were too late in the field to give our boarding department a fair chance for this year & it is rather fortunate for us than otherwise that we have not been called upon thus far to provide, but for a very limited number of boarders. Our boarding department consists of our three teachers & three pupils. But even with this very limited number it will not fall far short of meeting expenses. Upon the whole the school has made a very satisfactory beginning. The fact that the boys day school which was conducted here for the past few years was specially for Armenian boys shuts us out in a measure now from the Greeks, especially as the line between the two nationalities is so definitely drawn here in Smyrna. It will take us some time to convince the Greeks that the school is as much for them as for the Armenians. That we will accomplish this I have no doubt as we have already secured a fair representation of Greeks among our pupils. We might have a very much larger number of pupils from all the different nationalities if we were to make our school free but I feel it would be a great mistake to do this. The fact that heretofore tuition was not rigidly and systematically insisted on according to any definite terms, places us somewhat at a disadvantage now especially with former pupils, but we will in time bring them up to a proper standard. I expect that our tuitions from day pupils will sum up to about 75 Liras & so double the amount received from the same source any previous year. Already we have over fifty pupils & I expect we will add to this number before the school year closes. We have five nationalities represented among our boys, viz: Armenian, Greek, Moslem or Turk, Jewish & English. The great difficulty & expense of conducting school work here in Smyrna is this Babel of languages. Besides the great difficulty of arranging a programme to include five regular languages (Armenian, Greek, French, Turkish & English) there is the large additional expense for the extra number of teachers which these languages necessitate. We have succeeded in securing some excellent material on our teaching staff but we will make some changes next year. Thus far I have been spending almost the whole day myself in teaching, but I hope to be able to get our programme arranged in such a way that I will not be obliged to spend so much time in teaching, so that I will have more ~~time~~ for overseeing the other classes in general. Mr Bartlett is giving one hour a day to the school, but for the past few days has been obliged to give this up on account of Mrs Bartlett's condition, which is at present very critical.

Mr. MacNaughton also gave us one hour a day before he went to Manissa. Mrs MacLachlan besides taking charge of the boarding department has also thus far been giving one hour every morning to teaching, but will now for a time at least be obliged to give up her class.

I enjoy the School work very much & look forward hopefully to many years of service for The Master in this department of missionary work. The outlook for our School here is excellent & we want to lay the foundations carefully. In planning for the future one very important question that must engage our attention at once is the matter of a building. We are now very favorably situated in that respect, but it would be nothing short of a calamity were we to lose our present building. We are now renting it from year to year but we must either secure it by lease for a term of years, say 10 or 15, or else plan if possible to purchase it. The building is well adapted to our present needs & will meet our requirements for some years at least. It is an old private residence belonging to one of the wealthiest men in the city, & was for many years the best private residence in Smyrna. Afterwards the Quay became the fashionable part of the city so the owner built there. The house is well built & could no doubt be purchased for but a small fraction of its original cost. The situation is good for a school & there is quite a good sized play ground. In fact there is no other building in Smyrna that we could secure, that would be in any measure so well suited to our needs. We plan to have a conference with the owners & afterwards make our recommendations to you through the regular channel. Perhaps it would be better to have some advice from you before taking any steps here & before making our recommendations through the Committee in Constantinople. Will you be good enough to write me your view of the case. I have just had a talk with Mr McNaughton & he agrees with me that this will be best.

In the appropriation voted for the School for 92 I do not understand that any recommendations were made as to how the appropriation was to be expended. Our need of school furniture and apparatus is of course urgent & immediate. Equally necessary is our teachers salaries & house rent. If there should be enough & more than enough for these primary demands I presume it will be in place to use the balance for the benefit of pupils who are too poor to pay their way in School & who give promise of future usefulness as Christian teachers or preachers. Will you please advise me on this point.

I understand that the thousand dollars voted for '92 is in addition to the regular grant included in the estimates for '92. Is this not so?

I wish it were possible to avoid drawing on this 1000 dollars for School furniture and apparatus, as it will make a very serious inroad on this source of revenue, especially for the first year when our needs will be many & urgent. Would there be any hope of our getting help, either by special appropriation from the Board, or from some outside source, for our necessities in this line? I have written this letter by snatches during my spare moments for the past four or five days. To this you will please attribute its disjointedness & irregularity.

Mrs Bartlett is still with us, but we are now praying that she may soon be taken to her reward. Her suffering is very great indeed & it will be a happy release for her when it is all over.

I am glad to say that Mrs MacLachlan & myself are both enjoying excellent health. With very kindest regards,

Smyrna. Dec 1st 1891.

I am
Yours in the Masters Service
Alexander MacLachlan.

Smyrna - Nov. 24. 1891.

Rec^d. Dec. 21.

Smyrna. Dec 9th 1891

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:

I regret the delay in filling out the enclosed blanks, but I am kept so busy with School duties that it seems almost impossible to find time for anything else.
Mrs Bartlett is still with us & is even better than when I wrote you a fortnight ago. Of course there is no hope of any permanent change for the better.
Our School continues to progress favorably & we have large hopes for the future.

Very Faithfully Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alexander Mac Lachlan.

Smyrna. Dec. 9. 1891.

Rec'd Dec. 28. 1891.

Smyrna. Turkey. April 9th 1892.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House - Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

In my long letter to you of a week ago I omitted two important items from the list of School necessaries. I should have included a large coal stove (self feeder) for heating our large room, and an American flag. I hope you will be able to provide these along with the other articles.

I send you by even mail with this a photograph of our School boys which I trust will interest you. As the photographer dropped in on us one afternoon at recess unannounced we lacked six or seven of being able to muster a full roll-call.

Since my last letter to you Mr Bartlett and I again called on the owner of this property and obtained from him a pledge that he would not sell the house to anyone else until we had time to receive a reply from our Board in America. He further promised us that in any case he would give us the first chance to purchase. He is not willing to continue renting it thus yearly or for a few years, denying himself the right to sell it whenever he might find a purchaser.

He agreed however to lease it to us for a term not less than ten Years denying himself all right of sale for that period. In case of our leasing it for ten, fifteen or twenty Years we would be required to pay down a Considerably large sum & then a Gradually diminishing sum Yearly so that the whole sum would be paid during the first few Years of the lease. He was not able to tell us what the rent would be for a term of ten Years. He has promised to advise us as soon as possible. I fear however that the sum we would be obliged to pay in this way would go far towards purchasing the property outright.

We have just heard indirectly that You are Expected at our Annual Meeting in Constantinople next month. I hope we have been rightly informed. In this Case may we not hope to see You here in Smyrna Early in May? With very kindest regards,

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, Apr. 9. 1892.
Rec'd Apr. 25.

Rev. A. McLachlan

Smyrna Turkey in Asia
May 7th 1892.

Revd. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - America

Dear Dr Smith:

We are more than rejoiced over the cable message "Accept" received the day before yesterday. Praise the Lord! and thousands of thanks to you & the Prudential Committee.

This morning Mr Bartlett & myself went to the owner & close the bargain with him for the purchase of the property.

Before telling him of the receipt of the telegram we begged a parting gift from him of 100 pounds in case we purchased. This he promised to do. We then accepted his offer of 2000 liras, and paid down as a pledge 200 liras, binding ourselves to pay the balance of 1800 liras before one week from to-day. We presented our plea for this gift of 100 pounds on the ground that we must have at least that sum for repairs and necessary alterations & that we could not ask our Board for such a sum at present. He stipulates carefully that it is a gift to the school to be used in repairs and alterations, and to be regarded in no sense as a reduction of 100 pounds on the price of the property. We must pay him the 3000 pounds & he presents us with 100 pounds afterwards.

Again thanking you most heartily

I remain Yours Obedient Servant

Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna May 30th 1892.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr Smith:-

Your kind letter of the 4th inst was forwarded to me at Constantinople during Annual Meeting. The substance of its contents had already reached us by the very welcome cable message "accept" which I acknowledged some time ago expressing at the same time our very sincere thanks. Before leaving for Annual Meeting we completed the purchase and transfer of the building and received from Mr Spartali the recent owner the sum of one hundred liras as a gift; the sum to be used in repairs and some necessary changes in order to fit the building more specially for our work. The property is now in our possession & we have paid the insurance for the current year together with the government taxes, and have the policy in our possession. Since it has become known here that we have secured the property for 2000 liras, we are being congratulate on every hand. Our missionary brethren were dispo to criticise rather sharply our unconstitutional method of procedure in this matter, at the annual meeting, and un the proper time came for making a full explanation of th circumstances, our seeming irregularity served some of the g brethren (who were posing as martyrs to the cause of law and order) as a striking contrast to the fair methods whi they had always followed. In the meantime we of course could submit good-naturedly to it all. Our explanation of the circumstances however put an end to all criticism & fully justified our action in the view of all present.

I hope to hear from you very soon in regard to the desks and other school furniture of which I wrote you in my letter of April 9th.

My special purpose in writing you at present is to bring before you the question of our School Estimates for 1893. For the current year we have only eighty liras in the regular estimates, the special grant of 1000 dollars being an extra. It was clearly the mind of the Mission in view of their action two years ago in regard to the then proposed Smyrna Boys School that this sum was not supposed to be included in the limit for '93 as forwarded to Mr Peet. This is I presume also the view of the Prudential Committee, but as we have received no definite deliverance on the question from Boston I have thought it best to bring it before your notice. There being no other possible alternative I was obliged to submit to having this 1000 dollars placed in the first Contingent list, with only Eighty liras in the regulars. To have made room in the limit for '93 for this sum would of course mean the cutting off of regular work now in hand to that extent, & this every member of the mission would have stoutly opposed.

I trust you will be able to assure me in your next letter that this absolutely necessary help for the School will surely be given.

By "The letter to the Rooms" you will have received all the important particulars of the Annual Meeting so I need not to repeat any thing to you here. The meeting throughout was a most delightful and harmonious one & the reports from the different fields indicate an encouraging progress all along the line.

With very kindest regards

Yours very sincerely

Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, May 30, 1892.

Rec'd June 30.

Smyrna June 6th 1892.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston. Mass

Dear Dr Smith:

To-day, Mrs MacLachlan received from her sister Miss Edith Blackler, who is at present in London Eng. a letter in which she expresses her earnest desire to take up missionary work and asks our advice in regard to it. I am writing her by this mail advising her to make a formal application to you for an appointment under the A.B.C.F.M. & I trust I will succeed in persuading her to this step.

I have thought it fitting in view of the prospect of her making this application to write you somewhat in regard to her. She is the youngest daughter of the late Francis Blackler of Smyrna formerly of Boston who was a cousin to your Hon. Jos S Ropes of the Prudential Committee. She is now twenty two years of age and five years ago graduated from the Girls College at Constantinople; but had previously received a part of

her Education in England. Not long ago I heard on
of her teachers say of her, that she was one of the
brightest and best students ever graduated from the
Home School. After graduation she came to Smyrna
to assist Miss Bartlett in her Kindergarten work & took
entire charge of the work when Miss Bartlett went
America. This burden however proved too much
for her strength and after one year and three
months she was obliged to resign her duties. After
recovering from a very severe illness she returned
to her Mother in Malta, where she has since then been
engaged with her in evangelistic work among the
sailors chiefly. For some time past she has been
suffering with neuralgia and a few months ago
went to England to consult Dr Routh of London, an
eminent physician, who is her uncle, & with whom she is
at present residing. Dr Routh after careful examinat
and treatment reports her constitution as thoroughly
sound and requiring only a little further rest.

Although my acquaintance with her is limited,
having met her only a very few times, I am able
on the testimony of her teachers & my missionary
associates here to commend her Christian

character and devotion to you in the very highest terms. She has already for many years been a devoted missionary in spirit and I am very anxious to see her so placed that her splendid talents and devotion may be used to the best advantage. The best evidence of her efficiency as a Christian worker is in the lives of the three best boys in our Boys School at present, who were previously members of her bible & Sunday school class in the Kindergarten. Of all this however you will receive sufficient testimony from those whom you will choose to inquire of in regard to her, in case she presents an application for appointment.

Just one more thought occurs to me at present & I feel it my duty to refer to it here. Miss Blackler was brought up in the Episcopal Church, though she afterwards became a member of the Evangelical Church at Constantinople. About three years ago however she became somewhat interested in views which are specially emphasised by our Plymouth Brethren friends. She was and is still, a devoted bible student and her zeal for the truth led her to minimize the value of regular church work and ordinances. She was ~~still~~ very young and I was confident that more mature thought would correct these impressions. In this I was right & I am now able to tell you that for almost a year she has ceased to hold these peculiar views.

I trust you will pardon my forwardness in writing you at this early stage, at such length and so frankly. I have done so however having as my first desire the best interests of the A.B.C.F.M. & the Lords work here in Turkey. I understand Miss Blackler will be rea to go anywhere in Turkey though naturally the Boar would choose to send here where her splendid Knowledg of Greek would make her at once available for active service. Last fall we gave her a hearty & unanimous invitation to accept a position as teacher in the Girls School here in Smyrna but she was then unable to leave her mother. My own mind is that she would much prefer a regular missionary appointment & in my opinion she would be able to do more efficient service in that capacity. I will talk the matter over with Miss Lord at the first opportunity.

Hoping that you may soon hear directly from Miss Blackler I remain

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, June 6/1892
Rec'd June 30

Smyrna July 21st 1892

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston. U.S.A.

Dear Dr Smith:

Thank you for your kind note of June 1st. In your previous letter you mentioned that you were awaiting definite and full particulars regarding the purchasing of the property befor taking definite action in regard to my letter to you of March 31st. I am beginning to feel anxious about our School furnishings for next year and in case you may have overlooked the matter I have thought it best to write you again or at least to refer you to my letter of March 31st. I am specially anxious that they reach here if possible before the middle of September. It will be a great pity if we are obliged to open our School without these very necessary furnishings and appliances & I Earnestly hope that before this reach you I will have advice of the forwarding of the desks &c.

I have decided that this matter and other School interests required my presence in Smyrna during these Summer months and I am at present attending to the repairs which I hope to finish before the end of August. Mrs MacLachlan and baby are very comfortably settled out at Boudjah a suburb four or five miles outside of the city where it is healthier and somewhat cooler Especially at night than it is here in the city. I go out there in the evening & return to town in the morning, spending my days here and my nights in Boudjah. Thus far I have not suffered seriously from the heat but I expect it will be hotter as the season advances. During the last forthight in our rooms here in the city the thermometer has seldom gone above 95° Fr, although for a good part of each day it varies from 90 to 95° F.

Mr Bartlett and Miss Nellie left for the interior about ten days ago. They are for the present at Bouldour and while there Mr Bartlett will oversee the work on the new building which from a letter received last evening he hopes to complete without any further interference on the part of the Government. Mr & Mrs

MacNaughton with their children have gon
to Ghuzneh our old summer home
in the Central Turkey Mission near
Mersine. I have just received letters
advising us of their safe arrival ther
two weeks ago. We are all hopeful that
the change will be helpful to Mrs
MacNaughton who was far from stron

Miss Smith left last Saturday for
America. We regret very much the presen
necessity of her return. Miss Lord has gone
to Switzerland for the Summer & Miss Lawrence
is for the present in Constantinople.

With very kind regards

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

P.S. Please see also my letters of April 9t
and May 30th.

I inclose you herewith copy of our
School Announcement for next year in
English. Have them also in Turkish Greek & Arm

Rev. Alex. MacLachlan

Smyrna Feby 11th 1893.

Filed Mch. 4

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:

You will not I am sure accuse me of burdening you with too many letters. It must now be quite three months since I last addressed you. My School duties press too heavily upon me to allow of any letter-writing in fact, except that which is absolutely necessary. You are doubtless kept sufficiently informed by the other members of the Station of the work in general so I will be excused if I write to you only in reference to the Boys School. I am glad to be able to report to you an unexpected degree of progress in the School this year as compared with last year. One year ago last October we opened wit about thirty boys, nineteen of whom were pupils in former years. We had only a very few boys above 14 years of ag the total number registered reached nearly 60 before the Close of the School year, with an attendance of about 50. Last yea our appropriation from the Board consid more than covered our ordinary expences, but the innumerable small outlays incident upon opening and Equipping a new enterprise like this has since then claimed all our surplus of last year. You will perhaps remember that I asked an Extra appropriation from the Board for furnishing rooms for 10 boarders for this year which you very kindly granted. Instead however of requiring provision for ten we have happily been obliged to make provision for Exactly twice that number in order to accommodate our 18 boarders & the teachers who live & board in the School. All these 18 boarders are not however "full pay" boarders - would that they were. They range all the way from ten Liras upward - only one paying the full price. Notwithstanding this however my good wife hopes to be able to report a considerable balance credit on the Boarding department a/c at the end of June which is the end of our school year. One of our boarders pays nothing, being a poor and deserving Christian Greek boy, his support being undertaken by Mrs. MacLachlan & myself. Another boy pays nothing but does service in the line of sweeping etc. which will largely cover the cost of his maintainance, while a third from one of our outstations is partially supported by Mr Bartlett & the remaining half by myself. One of our boarders is the son of the most influential Armenian Priest in Smyrna - He pays half rate as do the children of our own workers.

We had a good opening on Oct 1st & our attendance has steadily increase since then until it has now reached nearly 90, while we have registered in all since Oct. last fully one hundred. We have been obliged to dismiss 6 or 7 throug their failure to pay their tuitions - 2 have been sent to the Kindergarten, while 3 or 4 were unable to attend the classes they specially desired on account of the arrangement of our lesson programm We lost two "full pay" boarders at the beginning of the term, one of them a

Young Greek lad of 15 who ran away in less than half an hour after his uncle had left him under my charge, the other a young man a Greek 21 Years of age because we would not Excuse him from attendance at our Evangelical services. He remained one day only.

Our teaching staff this year is an improvement upon that of last year & yet it is far short of meeting the present & future demands of the School. Last year we had very few young men in our higher classes. This year we have quite a few above the age of 16 & the number of our English classes will continue to increase for the next two or three years. I am obliged now to take five classes myself every day & these with the general oversight of the school give me more work than I can attend

& properly. Mrs MacLachlan takes the whole responsibility of the Boarding Department which is a great relief to me indeed & since last October we have both taken our lunch and dinner with the School. The plain fare seems to agree well with us, as we both continue to enjoy Excellent health notwithstanding our numerous and increasing cares. I had looked forward to the Christmas vacation as affording me a fortnight's rest as the house repairs during all last summer had kept me closely tied ~~to~~ down since we came to Smyrna one year and a half ago. As Christmas approached however it became evident that we should be obliged to increase our dining-room accommodation as our little diningroom down stairs was already crowded. It was impossible to enlarge it however as it was hemmed in on one side by the kitchen & on the other by a staircase so I had to plan for one upstairs. This necessitated the throwing of two rooms into one above the kitchen & arranging a "lift" for the food and dishes. All this involved a good deal of trouble and expense and as the changes had to be completed before the re-opening I found it necessary not only to take a careful oversight of the work myself but also to work along with the workmen in order to urge them on & get the work finished. We have now a fine large dining room up stairs capable of accommodating 50 pupils. Including ourselves we now number 23 & I trust that next year we may have over 30 boarders. But I seem to be rambling a good deal in my letter but you will excuse me as I am writing in such haste. I was writing you about our Equipment in the matter of teachers. This year on account of not being able to secure the right kind of teachers we have been obliged to entrust some of the lower Classes to two of the more advanced pupils. This is of Course unsatisfactory and is in the end a false economy. But we have been obliged to do it. We must avoid it next year if possible, as well as strength many other weak points. Our School is still very far from what it ought to be and I am endeavoring in Ever possible way to make it more worthy of bein designated a "High School". And yet in spite of all its weaknesses & too apparent defects it is prospering as the attendance I have given you will indicate. But from a financial standpoint also we have profound reason for gratitude. Our total receipts this year will I trust be more than three times as much as they were last year. Of course our expenditures also will ~~be~~ ~~also~~ almost correspondingly larger. I am now in hopes that our total revenue this year independently of all help from the Board will amount to nearly $2000.

It is still too early however to calculate definitely & yet it is not too much to say that at present there is a reasonable prospect of our being able to meet all our expenses for this school year without touching the special grant of $1000 from the Board. Should we succeed however in accomplishing this as we are earnestly endeavoring to do I pray you not to regard it as evidencing to the Board that we have no further need of this special grant. I have already mentioned that there are serious deficiencies which must be made good in the near future and it is scarcely to be expected that (even of the success which has attended our efforts thus far should continue) any ordinary increase in our receipts will put us beyond the need of this extra aid or at least a good part of it. And now I come to a matter which has recently been a subject of consideration in our Station Conference, and which has a bearing upon the question of this thousand dollar grant. I would scarcely have the courage to bring it before you now in view of all that the Board has done during the past year and a half for this School were it not that our present proposal will involve the Board in no additional expense. When I was appointed a missionary of the Board or rather when I was designated to Smyrna Station & to the care of the Boys School one thought in the mind of the Mission & especially in the minds of the Smyrna Missionaries was that besides taking the oversight of the Boys School I would also be able to take charge of the Station treasury books & I myself quite expected to do so. Last year it was altogether out of the question as the School more than absorbed all my time & it was easy to convince my associates that with two field missionaries and only five outstations it was scarcely necessary that I the third missio with all my school cares should assume the additional responsibilit of the Station Treasury books. I the expected that this year I would be able to spare a little time from the school for such work & so Mr MacNaughton retained the books. This year howev instead of finding my school duties lightened they are on the contrary mo numerous and imperative. In fact I am so tied down with teaching dut from morning until evening that oth very important interests of the school are entirely neglected. It at once became as evident to my associates as to myself that it would be quite unreasonable to hope that I would be able to take charge of the Station books, and not only this but that I must endeavor in some way to relieve myself of some of my classes in the school in order that I might have more time to give to the general oversight of the school. I have not thus far been able nor do I expect to be able this year to provide in any other way for my classes.

In view of the constantly increasing demands of the school especially in the higher classes where the lessons must be given in English I proposed to Mr MacNaughton that next year he should leave the care of the four outstations in Mr Bartletts hands & that he should return to live in Smyrna - continue to take charge of the station books - oversee the local church work in Smyrna & give me a couple of hours each day in the school. But it seems there are serious objections to such a plan. It would necessarily separate Miss Bartlett and her Father for a considerable portion of each year. Then Mr Mackay feels strongly convinced that the only hope of permanently strengthening the work in the outstations of this field is by a missionary family residing for one, two, or three years in each one of them, in turn and it is in pursuance of that plan that they are now residing in Manissa. For this reason he doesn't think it would be right now to relinquish the whole plan & return to Smyrna. Then as Mr Bartlett can scarcely be expected to take up school work at his age I have no hope of any relief from my missionary associ The necessity of further assistance in the line or nature of an associate will at once be apparent to you whe it is noted that now our Boys Scho is quite as large as the Girls Scho here (and our course of study must not in any measure fall short of the standard in the Girls School) and yet their full complement of American helpers in the Girls School is four while I am here in the Boys School alone. Next year there will be more English classes & already my time is full. While my associates are unable to render me the necessary assistance they recognise with me the urgency & the proposition comes from them, & I have now to present it to you with my very earnest endorsation that we use say the one half of this Extra appropriation in engaging the services of an American or English Tutor. Let him be a young man, a College graduate with missionary aspirations and an Earnest missionary Spirit - unmarried, and he will fill our requirements quite as well as a full fledged

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Reverend. From one standpoint i
would be quite within our own prov
as a missionary station to engage
such a teacher just as we would
Engage any other teacher we might
find on the ground and yet my
associates (and myself also) thought
it better to get your mind on the
matter. It would probably be more
Economical to secure a man from
say Edinburgh as we would save
in the matter of travelling Expenses &
we understand that we can Engage
a graduate of Edinburgh University say
for a three year appointment at the
rate of 100£ a year or perhaps a
little less. Please Excuse this long
letter & be good enough to let me have
your advice on this last matter at
your Earliest convenience.

With very kindest regards from
Mrs MacLachlan & myself.

I am Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan
Smyrna July 28th / 93.
Filed Aug. 15
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Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:

I have deferred my reply to yours of Mar 23rd until I should have more leisure than the daily routine of school duties allow. We are now in Boudjah a little suburb of Smyrna where we spent last summer so pleasantly and without any serious consequences to our health. This year however we are suffering considerably more from the heat than we did last year. It is cooler here however than it is in Smyrna especially at night when the temperature becomes quite bearable. The MacNaughtons are also spending this summer in Boudjah. The daily temperature record in the shade is 98 to 100 but by keeping all doors and windows tightly [illegible] up during the day we are [illegible] to reduce this record in our coolest room to 90 degrees. School interests call me into the city about every other day, but the beautiful little trip on the Ry. through the vineyards into the City affords only a delightful little change of air & scenery. Just at present there is considerable anxiety in Smyrna in regard to the threatened Cholera scourge. Within the past fortnight there have been a few cases of suspected Cholera but as yet the Civic authorities have not arrived at any definite decision in regard to it. Probably a decision will be arrived at to-day & we anxiously await news. Meanwhile we are ~~so~~ virtually quarantined as no steamers [illegible] come into port while the city is under suspicion of being infected [illegible] cholera. No mails have arrived or left the city for some days. Should it prove from the genuine Asiatic Cholera & become epidemic it will be a serious obstacle of our work especially the schools. It is quite probable however that if it should break out now the heaviest of it would be over before school opening time comes the latter part of September.

Our Boys School has had a very successful year & the outlook is full of hope. We had an increase of 50% in the attendance and our receipts considerably above our expectations. In order however to keep pace with with our increasing patronage, and to justify the favor with which the school is gradually coming to be regarded we must make some considerable changes & additions to our teaching staff. Your favor of the March 23rd deals with one of these proposed addition

On receipt of it I at once read it to
my associates & conferred with them
in regard to it. We were unanimous in
concluding that you had misunderstood
my previous letter to you in which I
wrote you fully of our plans &
explained that the proposed addit
to our Teaching Staff would not ent
any increased demands on the Treas
of the Board. Your thorough sympathy
with the plan and approval of the
evident need of an assistant determi
us to proceed to carry out the project.
Annual Meeting approving I at once
began correspondence with Edinburgh
& am hopeful of a speedy issue
which will furnish us a helper
capable of sharing the burden with
me in the Science Classes in the
Senior Department. If our present
Equipment was sufficient to meet all

the demands of our increasing patronage I think I could at once cancel the special grant of the Board. I want this help at least one more year, when I trust I will be able to reduce it considerable & in a very few years to cancel it entirely. I am very ambitious to do this at the very earliest possible date, but to attempt it too soon would be to cripple the School permanently. The School is doing splendidly & will I trust require only a little further encouragement from the Board of the kind it is now receiving.

We are all enjoying excellent health.

With Very Kindest regards
Alexander MacLachlan.

P.S. Please hand the enclosed note to Mr Smith & oblige.

A. McL.

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan 5

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High School for Boys,

Smyrna Sept 30th/93.

Filed Oct. 24

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass.

Dear Dr Smith:

You have doubtless been fully advised by Mr Bartlett of the purchase of the large building adjoining the Boys School for the Kindergarten. The house is a large one & the first floor amply meets all the demands of the Kindergarten; so that it seemed most natural that Miss Nellie & her father should occupy the upstairs as a dwelling, paying rent of course to the Board. It seems now however that the space is in urgent demand for Mission purposes and as both Mr Bartlett & Nellie very naturally prefer to remain in the same house they have rented for the past two years it remains only to request formal permission to use the rooms

for the purpose which I will now explain
Last year in the Boys School we reache
the full limit of our capacity for boarders
& we have been obliged this summer to once
further increase our class-room accommo
Our present capacity for boarders is nineteen
which after deducting four boarding mast
leaves the limit of our accommodation for
boarding pupils at ~~nineteen~~ fifteen, quite
too small a number to operate all the
machinery of a Boarding Department
with profit & quite too small a proportion of
boarders in a School as large as ours.
Two Years ago we opened with nineteen
small boys & last year we registered one hundr

Although it seemed quite evident last year
that the question of additional rooms for
boarders must come up in the near future
still it could not be regarded as a practica
one requiring solution until our actual
demands overreached our present capacity.
I may fairly say that we now find ourselv
in that fortunate state. We must now

either stunt the growth of this most of all important branch of our School work or else make the necessary provision for additional room for boarders. We have consulted together about the matter & have written Mr Bartlett who agrees with us in regarding the upstairs of this newly purchased house as naturally affording the Boys School this necessary additional room. But although the rooms are to be used for purely Mission purposes it seems proper that we should formally request permission so to appropriate them as they are not a part of the Boys School building proper.

Of course we take it for granted that as it is to be used for Mission work the Board will not demand rent from the Boys School, especially as it makes us no allowance for rents. It seems most providential that these rooms are available as there are no other convenient and available rooms in the neighborhood, and no appropriation to pay for them if they could be found.

With the upstairs of the "Sefarian House"

we can almost double our accommodations
for boarding pupils & unless the Cholera seriou
interferes with our work this year there is goo
prospect at present that we will require most of th
increased accommodations before the year is
over. I have just now written a similar
statement of the case to Consp'l and will anxiously
await your formal authority to use for the Boys
School the upstairs part of the Seminary house for
Boarders rooms so long as they are not required
for the Kindergarten. May I ask an early respon

Your note re Miss Harlow came duly but we
expect her along in about another fortnight.
Cholera still lingers though evidently decreasing. Governm
has prohibited the opening of Schools until Oct 1st (Ol
Style) nearly two weeks hence. The Bartletts are now on their
way home from Europe. Miss Nellie's health is improved
somewhat. The MacNaughtons & ourselves are all
well.

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan.

P.S. The Government has for the present forbidden the opening
of all Schools in Smyrna on account of cholera. We
hope to open after ten days. A. M

Smyrna Turkey -
Nov 3rd 1893.

Revd Judson Smith DD
Congregational House
Boston -

Dear Dr Smith:-

Although the Cholera caused some delay in the opening of our Schools it now seems to have entirely stopped, and while we had feared that the attendance would be seriously affected on this account, it is pleasant to be able to report that although we only opened last week we have already as large an attendance as we have had at any time in the past & it now seems probable that we may not be able to receive all the applicants.

My immediate purpose in writing you now however is to ask your assistance in a matter which seriously affects the welfare of our School. You will recall perhaps, that I wrote you last spring or summer, of our purpose to secure a young man from Edinburgh as an assistant for myself in the English, & science classes which are taught in English, & to pay him one hundred Turkish Liras with his board & room in the School for the nine months of the school year, he to be responsible for his board during the three months of summer vacation. We also proposed to allow fifteen Turkish Liras ($4.40) to pay his passage from Liverpool to Smyrna. Through the kind offices of the Revd John Allison D.D. of Edinburgh an

Edinburgh Graduate was secured
some two months ago and we have
been anxiously awaiting his arrival
to Smyrna. Instead of this however
telegram from Dr Alison has just
been received stating that the young man
has withdrawn. My associates & I
have just consulted together & have decided
that it was best to make an application
first to you. Dr Alison's telegram advises
that he has again advertised & has more
applicants. I have now written him
saying that if by the time he receives
my letter he has not secured for us
another man, he will please to post
this letter to you which I propose to
inclose with my letter to him. This one
I will address to you & have it stamped
all ready for posting in Edinburgh. so
that you may get it with as little
delay as possible.

We are induced to present our request
to you in view of the following considerations:

We understand that the young me
who come out to fill the Tutorships
in Beyrout & Robert Colleges receive a
salary of 50 £ Stg annually besides their travel
Expenses & room & board in the College:
They come for three years & it would seem
that there are many young men
graduates of our best Universities, who
would be glad to accept a three year
appointment in such a School as
ours, & the total Expense of securing
such a one would be no greater than
we are offering to a man from Edinb
I know some of the young men in Beyrout
& Robert Colleges & they are superior youn
men of earnest piety. On a three years
appointment we could afford to allow
enough to cover base travelling Expenses
from America by the Liverpool sea route
to Smyrna & still leave a larger balance
than we understand is paid to the Beyro
& Robert College Tutors.
Perhaps it would be a better plan (and

f it would seem best to you that he should receive a temporary and emi-official (informal appointment y the Board) & deduct one hundred ounds or say $500.00 of the appropriation ow made to the Boys School & let the Board become responsible for is appointment and support him with this sum. I have no doubt hat there are in the Colleges many young men pursuing post graduate ourses or nearing the close of their egular course, who, though unwilling accept a regular & permanent Missionary appointment would gladly avail themselves of such n opportunity of a three years Experience in the East.

In case of the Board taking the esponsibility of the appointment with he sum above mentioned ~~above~~ the Schools will provide him a

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room for the whole year & his board for the nine months of the School term. His work will be to assist me in the Schools work. His teaching would all be in English & his classes, some classes in the English language & some Science classes such as are in our High Schools at home. We have a fine climate & the best of opportunities for Missionary & Evangelical work.

It is unnecessary for me say anything to you as to the kind of a man we want. He should be here at the earliest possible date. By making known our wants to the Presidents of some of the Colleges is it not probable that a suitable man could be found who would ready to set out at once.

I have written you this in great haste so as to catch the European mail today via Constantinople, but I trust I have made our case sufficiently clear.

Please let me hear from you in regard to this matter as soon as possible.

We are all enjoying good health.

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

P.S. I had almost forgotten to tell You that we had a little baby boy given to us about a fortnight ago - (Oct 18th). Mother & baby are both doing well.

A. McL.

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Rev. Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, Nov. 3 - 1893

Recd Nov. 20

For the information of any who might wi
to know something about our School
before accepting the appointment perhaps
it might interest them to know that our
School ranks as a High School at present
Our regular staff of masters is nine
or ten. We have five languages - English. Gr
(modern & ancient) Turkish - French & Armeni
Our masters all speak English. We have
a hundred boys & young men includin
twenty to twenty five boarders. The Schoo
years begins Oct 1st & closes June 30th.

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan
Smyrna Turkey in Asia
Nov 28th 1893.

Rec'd Dec. 15.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House - Boston

Dear Dr Smith:

More than three weeks ago I addressed a letter to you and forwarded it to Revd John Alison, D.D. 1 South Lauder Road Edinburgh - Scotland which was to be posted to you there in case his efforts to secure a master for us had not issued successfully when my letter reached him. Ten days ago he telegraphed us that he had not engaged anyone, so I presume my letter to you is already in your hands. I write you again to urge our great & pressing need of immediate help. Our School is full and my hands are more than full. We have a large number of new pupils this year and it is altogether a critical time in the history of our School. Nearly all our new boys are Greeks, a fact which marks a decided change in the attitude of the Greeks towards our School. A large proportion too of these new pupils are young men and it is worthy of notice that the opposition to our morning Bible Lesson which manifested itself to some considerable extent both last year & the year before has not shown itself at all this year. A few days ago an influential Greek Priest of Smyrna brought his son & placed him in the School & a day or so later the same priest brought a second young man. When we opened the School two years ago there was not a single Greek pupil. Now nearly one half of our pupils are Greek. We have now one hundred boys in regular attendance & we have decided that t is best for the present at least to limit ourselves to this number. Already we have refused applicants & will doubtless be obliged to refuse many more before the year is out. The burden now on my shoulders is more than I can hope to bear very long. Besides conducting the opening and closing Exercises I have seven classes daily - All of these are the highest classes in the School & some of them require preparation for which I have neither the time nor strength. We are covering the same ground as they do in the Girls Schools and we have a considerably larger number of pupils. The full complement of American Teachers there is four, while I am alone here with no American to share the burden of responsibility with me. Our School is suffering because I have absolutely no time to give to the oversight of the work and there are now some classes without a teacher. We had confidently hoped that our expected new master for Edinburgh would have reached here in time for our opening & now after all this anxious waiting we have been disappointed. Before leaving for a tour in the interior the other day my associates urged me to engage temporarily the services of a young English clergyman here, until our new man arrives from America & I had about decided to do so, but I have since thought it best to get along as best we can in the meantime rather than make so many changes in our teaching staff. Our need is most urgent & I trust you will succeed in finding the right man for us without delay so that he may be on hand not later than January. Please write me a line on receipt of this that I may know what the prospect is.

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna Turkey in Asia.

Rev.d Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

When this note reaches you, you will have received both my letter forwarded from Edinburgh & my more recent one of about a week or ten days ago. Since my last letter was written an unexpected prospect f securing a good man from England has presented itself. Our need s so pressing that if the right man r our work can be secured in England t might seem best to have him come from there as we could have him here perhaps a month, earlier than one could reach us from America. If therefor when this reaches you no one has been appointed please defer definite action until you hear from me again. In case howev any present negotiations with England fail I will advise you as soon as possible so that in the event of your having an available m he may be appointed with as littl delay as possible.

I sincerely trust I may not thus b putting you to any unnecessary troubl

Our School is now suffering for want of such a helper & I am unabl to carry all the work and responsib now devolving upon me much longer & it is for this reason that I am trying to secure a man at the earliest possible day.

My associates are in the mission
t Afion Kara Hissar. As yet we
have had news only of their safe
moval.

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alex^{r} MacLachlan.

Smyrna,

Rec'd Jan. 1. 1894.

AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL
FOR BOYS
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Jany 19th 1894.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston

My Dear Dr Smith:

Your favors of Oct 7. Sept 28 - Dec 15 - Dec 19 and Jan 1st re all still unacknowledged. My School duties have crowded upon me so, during the past three months that I was obliged to defer all but absolutely necessary correspondence until the Christmas holidays. But the Lord had other cares awaiting me for that season and on the very eve of Christmas vacation our little daughter Rosaline somewhat more than two years of age was taken strong ill with diphtheritic Croup. The disease however did not pronounce itself definitely until Thursday night the 28th and on Friday morning early our Physician asked us to summon another doctor for consultation. We did so & they at once agreed that she wa quite beyond the help of medicines & that the only possible hope of saving her life was to perform Tracheotomy. In children of maturer years & in adults the chances of recovery with this operation are about on in five but for a child two years of ag the chances were greatly lessened. It wa our duty of course to give her this one po chance as without it there was no possib of her living through the night. We left h in the hands of the physicians & gave our-selves to earnest prayer. The operation was successful and in answer to the prayers of many earnest christians here she has, been we may almost say given back to us from the dead. The tube remained in until last Saturday Evening, between fifteen and sixteen days. Shortly after it was removed she was able to breathe freely and is now almost well again. The wound is almost healed, and apart from a slight paralysis in her limbs she seems fully recovered. Night and day constantly for seventeen days I was with her, Mrs MacLachlan and our little baby boy being obliged to remain in the opposite end of the house for fear of contagion.

Miss Edith Blackler, Mrs MacLachlans sister, who was assisting me in nursing our little girl was herself taken down also with the diphtheria nearly a fortnight ago & is still confined to her room though now almost recovered. Mrs MacLachlan too was also threatened with it and the

Doctor warned
, the removal of the little baby for at leas
a week, so we were obliged to send him ov
to the care of Miss Bartlett. Through
vigorous treatment Mrs MacLachlan's throat
trouble did not develop seriously & with
a week she was able to have her baby back
again. Fortunately through all these trying
days I was spared any illness and was
able to nurse the invalids. They are all
now I am glad to say in a fair way
to complete health.

At present influenza is epidemic in
Smyrna. Our physician estimates
that there are now not less than
twelve thousand persons invalided
from this cause. In many cases
it is leading to fatal results - a
much more serious scourge in some
respects than was the cholera last
summer.

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And now let me refer to your letters in chronological order. In your favor of Oct 24 you reply to my proposition in regard to the Boys School using the upper story of the newly purchased Kindergarten building. The proposition was of course made with the concurrence of my associates and I had confidently hoped that the request might be granted without the payment of any rent. I regret that this hope is not to be realised. I note what you refer to as a parallel case, that of the MacNaughtons occupying the Bowen house. But there is this important and radical difference that in the case of missionaries occupying mission property they are provided with salaries which contemplate the payment of rent and it is only right that they should pay it. In this case however the

Boys School has no such provision ma
for rent in its appropriation. Did the appropri
to the Boys School contemplate a rental then
it would naturally be right that it should
pay it even though it occupied Mission
Property. I write you this however in no spi
of insubmission, and, in accordance with
the decision you have communicated,
the Boys School will pay rental for the roo
we are occupying in the Syrian house.
Mr Bartlett has intimated his decision
however to occupy the upper story next
year so we will be under the necessity
of finding accommodation for the Boys
School elsewhere. There is one important
phase of additional School accommoda
which I did not refer to in my previou
letter to you on this subject. The necessity
of extra accommodation for the Boys School
is due to the fact that we (our family)
are occupying four rooms of the Boy

School building. If these rooms were at the disposal of the School for sleeping appartments there would be no necessity whatever of providing accommodation outside of the School building.

For these rooms we pay a rental to the Board of forty pounds per annum. Now if, as is the case, through our occupying these four rooms, the Boys School is under the necessity of providing accommodation outside would it not be only fair and just to the Boys School that the money paid for these rooms outside be paid from the rental paid by me for the rooms which belong properly to the School?

I beg to respectfully submit this view of the case to your consideration in the confident hope that you will authorise the payment of any necessary outside rental for the School from the rent now paid by me to the Board for the use of the rooms occupied by me & which belong to the Boys School. But the question has doubtless arisen in your mind - Why are we occupying these rooms if they are necessary for the more direct purposes of the School? My reply is that at the present stage in the history and condition of the Boys School an attempt to conduct a Boarding department without the constant presence of myself & family in the buil for personal oversight and contact with the boys our purposes in having a Boardin department would be largely if not entirely frustrated. And further few if any parents would send their boys as boarders were it not for the assurance that they were to be constantly under our personal & direct oversight. Were we to consult our own pleasure in the matter it will be at once

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apparent to you that for many reasons it would be more pleasant & agreeable to have our home quite outside and apart from the School. Indeed Mrs MacLachlan is strongly of the opinion that we owe it to our children to have our home separate but she agrees with me that for the present at least the interests of the school require our presence in the school building. If however the Board cannot see its way to allow the rental paid by us for the use of these school rooms to be used in providing the necessary accommodation outside for the School we will feel obliged to rent a home for ourselves somewhere in this section of the city. This will be made doubly necessary if your proposal to withdraw the whole of the special grant of $1000 at the end of this year is carried out, as you seem to indicate it will in your letters of Dec 15 & 19.

But of this surprising proposal I must write you more definitely within the next few days as I have not time this morning before the mail closes. I am glad indeed to advise you now that our efforts to secure an assistant master from England have resulted successfully. Sitting beside me now at the table writing letters to his friends advising them of his safe arrival here two days ago is Mr John Turnly a graduate of '92 of Cambridge. He comes to us with a good college record but best of all with the highest commendation as to his thorough devotion to his master's service. He is 24 years of age, in good health, somewhat over six feet in height, of decided Christian parentage and himself

possessed of an earnest missionary
spirit. His home is in the north of
Ireland — An Episcopalian and had
prepared himself for ordination since
aduating at Cambridge but was waiting
know the Lords will concerning this matter
hen our call reached him, He came
ith all possible haste & is now with
s ready for work. I will write you
ore of him later. I think he would
ppreciate a line from you if you
ould find it convenient to write him
line or two of counsel and encouragement.
He is a very humble and strong young
man & will I trust develop into a
strong and conspicuous worker.

Very sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan.

P.S. I expect to complete the transfer of the Syrian
use this afternoon.

Rev. Alexander MacLachlin's

Smyrna, Jan. 19. 1894.

Rec'd Feb. 7.

Smyrna Turkey in Asia.
March 8th 1894

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston

Dear Dr Smith:

At last you see I have "regulation paper". The circular letter from the Prudential Committee was timely and deserved in my case. This is the first Board paper I have had since I became a missionary of the American Board. This was ordered however nearly one year ago and it reached me here only a few days ago, so the fault is not wholly mine. When I received the circular letter I decided to defer my letter to you in regard to the special grant of one thousand dollars until this paper should arrive from Constantinople. In the meantime your letter of Feby 8th has reached me. In acknowledging it let me say that I am pleased to note that you are disposed to consider favorably my plea that the Boys Boarding School be exempted from paying rent for necessary additional room outside inasmuch as the appropriations for the School do not contemplate a rental, or what is the equivalent of this, that such rental be paid from the rent paid by me for the use of rooms which belong to the Boys School Building proper, this being the immediate cause of additional room being needed for the School outside. I will be glad to know your decision after conference with your associates in regard to it, and trust your report may reach us at an early date.

I have consulted with my associates in regard to your proposition that the special grant of one thousand dollars to the Boys High School be discontinued after this year, or rather, what is virtually equivalent to this viz: that it be included in the regular estimates at the next annual Meeting.

In view of the conditions upon which the Western Turkey Mission three or four years ago so heartily recommended the establishing of this School and the assurances we have received from the Board that a special grant would be continued "until the School approaches more nearly a self supporting basis" it has been our understanding and confident hope that we might surely rely upon the Continuance of this special grant for at least another two or three years. Now the Lord's hand has unquestionably been with us in this work and we believe He has a special mission for this school in this great Smyrna field which is nearly as large as all of the New England States combined.

Two years ago last October we opened with nineteen small boys about the age of from eight to eleven years. This year our attendance is one hundred and ten, and among these a large number of young men.

Our estimated revenue for the first year, though it far exceeded that sum, was $220. This year I hope to be able to report a revenue from pupils of about $3000. We have been able to make this progress because we had this special grant from the Board which has enabled us to make the needed provision thus far for additional equipment. I think I can confidently say that we are approaching self support & it is one of my predominating ambitions to bring the school to be able at the very earliest possible date to say to the Board that it no longer needs its financial support. We are working hard with this in view and I have looked forward with no little pleasure to the possibility of our being able to say to you at our next annual meeting that you might cancel $500 of the special grant of $1000 for the year 1895.

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I still think we can cancel $500 without serious injury to the School but to withdraw the whole of the special grant at this juncture would not only interfere seriously with the present efficiency of the school but also destroy our prospects for the future by taking out of our hands the means by which we hope at no very distant date to bring the School into a position of self support.

Including myself our staff consists of Eleven Masters. Three of this number are outside masters & give only one or two hours apiece daily. Besides our regular staff we have a drawing master once a week & also a gymnastic instructor. To meet the salaries of such a large staff of teachers requires a considerable sum of money. and the only resources we have to draw upon to meet this are the tuitions received from the pupils and the grant from the Board. Our Boarding department is fully self supporting now, covering food, fuel, light, servants wages etc. etc. I was curious to know how we stood in the matter of support from the Board as compared with the Bardezak High School in this W.T.M and was rather surprised to learn from Rev Mr Tashjian that it receives 400 Turkish Liras annually from the Board while we receive about 300 L.T. When it is noted that this school in Bardezak has been established many years, that it has no Greek Department, that the cost of living in Bardezak is much less than it is in Smyrna, that our staff of instructors is necessarily considerably larger and our attendance at least equal to if not greater than it is there; it must be admitted that the Smyrna High School even with its special grant of $1000 is considerably less of a burden to the Board. To cripple our school now by withdrawing at one swoop the whole of this $1000 would be worse than a calamity and undo much of what we have striven earnestly to attain during the past two and a half years.

I am all but convinced the Mission will refuse to give it a place in the regular estimates from the mission unless we bring it within the limit for our own station which would mean the closing up of at least half of the work in our outstations.

It must be remembered that, apart from the little day school in Manissa, this is the only Boys School in the whole of this Smyrna field and it would be a great mistake to cause it to suffer a set back, especially when it is giving such promise for the future.

For the past fortnight we have had the U.S. warship "Chicago" in Smyrna harbor & we have had three or four visits from Admiral Erben who has shown a very appreciative interest in our work and a desire to help us in it in his official capacity. We earnestly trust this visit of an American warship to some of our Turkish ports will work out good results on some important questions which effect very vitally the interests of missionary work in this Empire.

Mrs MacLachlan desires me to thank Mrs Smith for her very kind messages of love & sympathy and asks Mrs Smith to accept her love.

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, March 8, 1894.
Rec'd March 30.

Smyrna.
March 15th 1894

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your favor of Feby 22nd has just reached me and I hasten an immediate reply. We are occupying four rooms and a part of the kitchen of the Boys School building and for these four rooms we are paying a rental of forty Turkish Liras, ($176.00/100) annually. The Boys School does not enjoy the benefit of this rental as it is paid over to the station Treasurer who duly reports it to Constantinople. It is just here where it seems to us the reasonableness of our request, that the School should get the benefit of this rental, comes in. The rooms for which we pay this rental are a part of the Boys School building proper, and because of our occupancy of these rooms the Boys School is under the necessity of providing additional room for itself outside. Now it is not simply a matter of paying rent this year for the rooms the Boys School is occupying temporarily ~~this year~~ but the much broader question of making permanent provision for the future requirements of the Boys School. There are it seems to us two simple solutions of the question. First; That the Prudential Committee authorize me to pay me ~~to pay~~ my rent into the treasury of the Boys School instead of into the station treasury. In this case the Boys School becomes responsible for any necessary outside rent & uses the money paid by myself for the rooms which I occupy in the School building for this purpose. This seems to us (my associates & myself) the simplest solution & most in the interests of the Boys School.

The alternative is for us to rent a house for ourselves someplace in this neighborhood with the sum we are now paying for these rooms. In this case the School takes possession of the rooms we are now occupying & has no further need of additional room or rent outside.

The objection to this is that it necessitates our separation from the School & so will seriously injure if not indeed threaten the very existence of our Boarding Department. The reasons for this are so evident that they need not to be enumerated. The choice lies between our paying rent to an outsider or to allow the School to pay rent to an outsider with the money we will pay to the School for School rooms occupied by us. In neither of these cases will any rent be paid into the treasury of the Board, though in either case the Board is relieved of the necessity of a further grant to the Boys School for outside rental.

I think I have made the case plain. You ask me to say whether we are likely to remain in this building next year. Our decision will necessarily depend on the action of the Prudential Committee. If the P.C. decides that our rental for these rooms must continue to be paid into the Station Treasury, ie to the Board & will make no permanent provision for an outside rental for the school then there is nothing left for us but to vacate our present quarters & leave them for the use of the School & secure a home for ourselves elsewhere. If on the other hand the Prudential Committee allows my rental to the School to revert to the School to be accounted for along with the other resources of the School in the School a/cs. the whole difficulty is at once solved.

Hoping to hear from you soon in regard to this matter.

I am.

Yours Very Sincerely

Alexander MacLachlan.

Smyrna, March 15, 1894,

Rec'd Apr. 3. 8

American High School.

Smyrna Turkey - June 6th/94

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House -
Boston - U.S.A.

Dear Dr Smith:

I have to acknowledge your kind favors of March 30th and April 30th both of which reached me duly. In view of your reference in the former to the continuance of at least $500 of the $1000 heretofore given as a Special Grant to the Boys School we felt assured that this sum would be continued as a Special Grant outside of regular Estimates, and for the reasons noted in my previous letter to you on this subject. Mr Bartlett has just returned from Annual Meeting at Constpl. & reports that a letter from the rooms in Boston in regard to Estimates directed that this sum of $500 was to be included within the limit, & that the Mission in consequence placed the whole of it against Smyrna Station. This the Mission justifies on the ground of the original conditions upon which, four years ago, it recommended to the Board the Establishing of this School.

apart from this threatened encroachment upon the funds available for native agency in the Smyrna Station the cut down this year is something over 100 Turkish Liras for the Armenian work & between 30 & 40 liras for work under the Greek Alliance. This means the calling in of at least one of our outstation pastors & perhaps two of them.

If there is to be added to this the 500 dollars for the Boys School little or nothing will be left for outstation work in the ~~Smyrna~~ field. We have just held a Station Conference and we are unanimous in rejecting the supposition that the Board purposes that this sum of $500 for the Boys School shall be taken out of the native agency limit for Smyrna station, & we are agreed that, in accordance with the terms of the original arrangement, in view of what has been done during the past three years, & the spirit of recent correspondence on the subject, it is still the purpose of the Board to continue this $500. as a special grant and outside of regular Station Estimates. Will you write at once confirming us in this opinion.

The decision contained in your favor of April 30th in regard to the 40 liras rental for the rooms we are occupying in the Boys School building is most gratifying & satisfactory due in every particular. We are now negotiating a rental for the School next door. The building is a large one & is considerably out of repair, but a small expense will fit it for our School purposes. We hope to secure it for 40 liras or a little more annually and it will afford quite double the accommodation of the rooms we are occupying in the School building. We will continue to occupy our present home quarters & use our rent to pay that referred to above.

Our School continues to prosper. Although we have been having very hot weather for some time past the attendance has not diminished in the least. We have a daily regular attendance of over one hundred. Three weeks ago we scored a triumphant victory in the athletic field, carrying off the silver Championship cup offered by the "Smyrna Schools Athletic Association" to the School winning the highest number of points in the annual sports held under the auspices of that association. We won in competition with 8 or 10 of the largest Schools & Colleges in Smyrna, half of them being like ours, foreign Schools. Our score was double that of our nearest rival. I was deeply interested and not a little anxious as to the result as victory would mean for us one of the best possible advertisements for our School. It was a gala day for Smyrna and five or six thousand persons were present among others the Governor General of this Vilayet. By even mail with this I will send you some photos which I trust will interest you. The photographer came altogether unexpectedly & found an exceptionally large number of absentees among the boys. But I must not omit to mention that our victory in Athletics is being followed by a still more glorious victory. About three weeks ago and without any special direct effort other than the faithful presentation of the Gospel truths in the daily morning bible lessons a work of grace began among the boys & still continues. Some of the brightest boys in the school have given themselves to Christ and a general spirit of earnestness and inquiry pervades the whole School. Mr Turnly is holding special meetings now every Friday afternoon after lessons are over and large numbers of the boys wait to be present at the meeting. His (Mr Turnly's) influence among the boys has been excellent & we cease not to pray that this present spirit of earnestness may continue until many more are brought into living union with Christ. As we have very few protestant boys this movement is almost entirely among boys belonging to the old Greek and Armenian churches.

For some weeks past I have been feeling very much worn out. I have no special physical ailment, but an hours teaching leaves me completely exhausted. During the past three years school cares have tied me closely to Smyrna, summer & winter, & although we moved out to Boudjah a suburb of Smyrna for a couple of months each of the past two summers I was obliged to spend the days in town looking after changes & repairs in the school premises, so that the strain has been constant during all this time. I have become so weak that a complete change & rest seemed necessary during the approaching summer vacation & consequently asked permission & help from the mission to make such a change. The mission has granted the request & forwarded it to Boston for your approval I understand. I exceedingly regret the necessity of this change, as my being able to remain in Smyrna during summer vacation would be a decided advantage to the school. To do this however would I fear leave me quite unfit to begin another years work next October. The doctor also recommends a few months change for our little daughter whose life we despaired of last Christmas. We have no definite plans as yet, but if we can secure a cheap passage to Scotland by one of the Merchant Ships trading at this port, Mrs MacLachlan, the two children & myself will very probably spend six or seven weeks of our Summer Vacation some place in the Highlands of Scotland.

We are expecting Mr Blatchford & family along here by Saturday of this week & we hope they will spend at least one week amongst us.

With very kindest regards to Mrs Smith & yourself in which Mrs MacLachlan joins

I remain

Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

P.S.

Saturday June 9th Mr Blatchford & family arrived yesterday & will remain some days. We are so glad to have them with us.

As there is some risk in sending by post the photos I have referred to I will hand them to Mr Blatchford who will either take them all the way or else post them from some place in Europe.

A.M.

Smyrna June 6-1894

Rec'd June 25

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Phocia (Near Smyrna) Turkey in Asia
August 10th 1894

Revd C. H. Daniels D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass -

Dear Dr Daniels,

Your kind letter of the 13th ult. reached me duly, bringing the most gratifying assurances to myself and my associates that at least $500 of the original $1000 will be continued as a Special grant as in previous years. I felt confident that there must have been some misunderstanding at Constantinople in regard to it, but in the absence of any assurance from you to the contrary it would not be easy to have the error rectified. I will communicate your message to him at once to Mr Peet & I have no doubt it will all in good time be set right.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the Cable granting permission and the necessary help to enable me to visit Scotland this summer and none the less grateful to the Board for this very generous help and permission although I have not been was scarcely suited to our needs we were only too glad to have it. Even this organ however is no longer to be available for us so we will be quite without any instrument of any kind. If in your opinion it would be useless to ask any of the Manufacturers for a gift of an organ, I see no other way out of our difficulty than to ask Mr Swett to purchase one & forward it to us charging it against our School appropriation. I am sending some other orders to Mr Swett but will not include the organ in case it may be possible to have one donated. If this is not possible may I ask you to request Mr Swett to purchase an organ for the Smyrna Boys School not to exceed in price one hundred dollars, freight and all charges included, and charge the same against the school appropriation. Let it be shipped if possible by the Sept. shipment. as we will be without an instrument until it arrives.

We were all very sorry to hear of Dr Smiths impaired health & sincerely trust his sojourn in England may restore him to complete strength.

All the members of our circle here are in their usual health. With very kindest regards from Mrs MacLachlan and myself. I am

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan.

P.S. Perhaps my limit of $100.00 for the organ is rather high. Let it be somewhat less than that. If possible let 80 dollars be the limit of the expense &c. A. M.

able to avail myself of it. We had completed all our arrangements for our contemplated trip and had anticipated it with no small degree of pleasure. At the last however we were unable to find a London or Liverpool Merchant Ship with any accommodation for us. We then thought of going by the usual route which is much more expensive & had decided to take the next Messageries Maritimes Co's Steamer to Marseille. Just at this juncture Mr MacNaughton returned to Smyrna after spending nearly a week here, and he was so pleased with the inducements which Phocia offered as a quiet resting place for the summer, that we were induced to come & see it for ourselves. The Steamer was not to leave for Marseilles for two days, so we had still time enough to investigate & change our plans if it seemed best. We came & were pleased with the place also & were fortunate in finding a comfortable house within about eighty yards of the sea. A week later we all came here and although it has not proved quite so cool and refreshing as it was at first, still I think I may safely say that we are all benefitting by the change & especially by the rest. Phocea lies just at the entrance to the Smyrna Gulf on the north east mainland and was the home of the ancient Phoceans. The bathing is good, and since we came here more than four weeks ago I have learned to swim. Although there can be but little change of air between here and Smyrna which is only about three hours distant by the little boats which run almost daily I am thus far glad that we came here instead of going to Scotland as I am close at hand to my base of operations in Smyrna & I am able to go into Smyrna frequently and attend to some matters that require my personal supervision. Already my own health is very decidedly improved & I have every reason to believe that by the time School opens I will be quite strong and ready for work. Nearly three years ago when I wrote Dr Smith in regard to some necessary outfit for the School I mentioned our great need of an organ & asked if it would not be possible to get some one of the manufacturers to donate an organ to the School. Again about a year & a half ago I repeated the suggestion but as yet I have not heard from him in regard to it. Might I not bring our case before your notice & ask your kind offices in our behalf. As an organ is absolutely necessary for us every day in our devotional exercises as well as in the Sunday School & in our special meetings with the boys we have been under the necessity during the past three years to borrow a little "Baby organ" from Miss Bartlett. Although it

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American High School for Boys.

Smyrna Turkey in Asia
Jany 8th 1895

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston. Mass

Dear Dr Smith:

My letters to you might justly be restricted to the term "Holiday Epistles", as it is only during holiday season that I seem to be able to find time to write you. Our christmas vacation begins with the Greek christmas on Jan 6th & closes with the Armenian christmas on Jany 19th, so we are now enjoying a season of rest.

Your last letter to me was written on the eve of your departure for England and we are all rejoiced to know that your sojourn there has benefitted you so much. Your last letters to some of my associates seem to indicate that Mrs Smith has not derived the same benefit from the rest & change as you yourself have, which is a cause of genuine regret to us. I earnestly trust that we may soon have more reassuring accounts from you of the improved condition of her health.

I am glad to be able to report to you in regard to our own household that we are all in our usual good health. Thus far there appears to be no sufficient reason for regret that our plans to spend the summer in Scotland miscarried at the last moment. I felt quite worn out when classes closed on Friday last for our Christmas vacation; but as the term has been a long one & my school duties arduous & confining it was natural that I should now be quite sufficiently tired to appreciate a rest & benefit by it.

You have probably heard from my associates somewhat in regard to the condition & prospects of the Boys School at present, but I may safely assume that a more detailed account will interest you.

In so far as numbers are concerned we have maintained the same steady advance that has marked the past three years of the history of the school. The first year we opened with nineteen, the second year with forty five, the third year with about seventy five, & this year, the fourth, we registered on the opening day one hundred & ten, while we have now in regular attendance one hundred and fifty pupils. Twenty five of these are full boarders and two others are day boarders. There is a prospect at present that the number of full boarders will be somewhat increased after this Christmas vacation. Only a very few of these one hundred and fifty are nominal Protestants, perhaps about twenty. The remaining one hundred and thirty are Armenians, Greeks, Catholics & Jews, the majority being Armenians, with between forty & fifty Greeks, eight or ten Roman Catholics & five or six Jews. I should say that among the Protestants are some twelve or fifteen English boys. You can readily understand that with such a large increase each year in the number of pupils, the whole aspect of the school has changed each year and it has been, & is still a serious problem to furnish a teaching staff & provide class-room accommodation. In the latter we have at present sufficient provision for one hundred and fifty boys, but I have been obliged already this year to refuse admission to quite a few applicants in the Armenian preparatory department, which is now rather over-crowded. We have room for a few more in the upper school. It is not at all improbable that ere long we will feel justified in raising our rates. The question of providing an efficient staff of masters who are devoted Christians is as difficult as it is essential to the success of the school along the lines we all so earnestly desire to see it develop. Mr Gurnly is still with us & continues to exert an excellent influence among the boys. Our largely increased ~~number~~ of English classes made it necessary to make still further provision for this year for our English & Science classes. We had no means however to meet the salary of such an additional master and it seemed that we should be obliged to manage as best we could without him. Fortunately for us Mr George Montgomery, son of Mrs Montgomery of Adana, who graduated last spring at Yale & who is both a B.A. & an L.L.B from that university returned to Turkey with some thought of settling down here to practice Law. He required to devote a year or so to the study of Turkish & French & by offering him the advantages the school offers in these two branches & a very small salary we have been able to secure ~~the~~ greater part of ~~the~~ his time as an English & Science Master in the School. This is of course a temporary arrangement but it helps us out nicely for this year. As yet we are not worrying for the future. We must have men of pronounced convictions. Upon the whole we have a well qualified staff of Masters so far as intellectual equipment is concerned, and while, out of a full staff of thirteen, only two, our Turkish Hoja & one of our French Masters, are not Evangelical Protestants. I regret to say ~~that~~ these Eleven are not all of the Mr Turnly type. As a rule their influence is on the right side but it is not of that positive and pronounced stamp that fulfils my ideal. It is however a matter of profound gratitude to God that the Spiritual tone of the school is very good and there is a quiet Spiritual work going on constantly among the boys which is most encouraging. This year we have organized a Missionary Society in the School which promises good results. The interest in the regular weekly prayermeeting at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon continues to be well maintained. Miss Blackler's meeting, especially for the smaller boys, on Thursday afternoon is very much appreciated by them, and her influence upon the boys generally & especially through these meetings is most decisive. Her position as Matron affords her excellent opportunities for personal & direct work among the boys & she never fails to make the right use of them. I think I mentioned to you in one of my letters last year that as the matrons duties became too burdensome for Mrs MacLachlan to carry along with her own household and family cares we had secured the help of her sister Miss Edith Blackler. This year Miss Blackler has taken the entire responsibility of Matron and as our household, including servants, boarders & Masters numbers fifty in all, it requires all her time, especially as this year in addition to the main building of the Boys School we have the adjoining Arabian House forming a large addition to our School premises. All the up-stairs part of this "annex" is occupied with boarders.

I had almost forgotten to refer to the last addition to our teaching staff, in the person of Mr Assenheimer who has just come to us from London, though a German by birth and education. I had some correspondence with him a year ago but not being an English University man we did not engage him, but secured Mr Lunely. Again a few weeks ago he renewed the correspondence. We had no opening requiring his full services but as we were under the necessity of securing additional help in the French department for the balance of the year & he had been specially recommended as a French Master I wrote proposing that if he were willing to come to Turkey at his own charges we would give him his board & lodging in the School until the close of the school year in return for which he would give two hours service daily in the classroom. He accepted the proposition & has just come to us. Thus far we are most favorably impressed with his spirit & bearing. He is a Lutheran, 30 years of age, was a 1st Lieutenant in the German army, but was obliged to resign his commission on account of nearsightedness & a weak throat, & now draws a small pension from the German Government.

Revd Mr Moschow continues his Greek Bible class this year but we have a Greek Prof for our higher department in Greek — a B.D. of Athens University — previously a Greek monk, but now especially interested in Evangelical truth & very "near the Kingdom of Heaven" - About 34 years of age & promises well in every respect for the future. Our other new Greek Master who came to us much more highly recommended by the little evangelical Greek Community at Janina in Greece is scarcely fulfilling our hopes thus far. He is a graduate of the Greek Normal Training College at Corfu. Otherwise our staff is the same as last year.

Financially the School enjoys the same prosperity that it does numerically. The first year when we opened with 19 & closed the year with 45 or 50 boys our total revenue from the school amounted to a little over 200 £. This year according to my present estimate it will be over 1000 £. apart from the Boards appropriation. Regarded merely as an educational & moral agency I feel that our schools are a mighty force working indirectly for Righteousness and Truth. but it is as direct evangelical agencies that they are now exerting and will continue to exert their greatest influence.

It is no disparagement to the other evangelical work connected with this Station & its outstations for example to say that our Educational institutions afford us a much more encouraging outlook even as an Evangelical agency. I am sure my associates who are engaged in the field work would agree with me in this statement. We have at present in our Schools in this city considerably over 400 pupils every one of whom through the regular daily Bible lesson is constantly hearing the Gospel of the Kingdom & receiving the good seed into their hearts; while I think I am quite safe in stating that the aggregate weekly congregations of Smyrna and its outstations including those congregations connected with the Greek Alliance are considerably less numerically than those under the daily influence of the truth in our Schools in Smyrna alone. Or if I may be permitted to carry the comparison one step further; It is quite within the truth to say that in our Boys High School alone, where we have now 130 ~~bo~~ non-protestant boys & young men under daily Evangelical preaching and instruction, we are reaching with the Gospel a larger number of non protestants than are reached through the weekly preaching services in Smyrna & all its outstations. It seems to me therefore that our Educational work here is opening to us a much wider door for preaching the Gospel than the other departments of our work is. I do not say this with any thought of disparaging the quality or the importance of the preaching of the word through our regularly appointed means; but I have a growing conviction that our Schools in Turkey rather than our Churches are to be, in the future, our most powerful evangelical agencies; and this not because the nominal christians of Turkey are more opposed to protestantism than they have been in the past, but rather because the spirit of evangelicalism is being more than tolerated within their own churches, and as this spirit increases they will be less and less disposed to identify themselves with a separate Protestant church, especially as they can have their children educated under the influences of evangelical truth in our schools, without being under any necessity of allying themselves with a formal Protestantism. Some of the most earnest Christian boys in our school at present are non-protestants & I feel that it is very decidedly in the interests of the cause we are first of all trying to advance, that no effort directly or indirectly should be made to induce them to become members of our Protestant community.

In view of the wide door that is being opened to us for direct evangelical effort through our High School for Boys here it has seemed to me for some time past that it would be a wiser expenditure of time & energy to have a considerable portion at least of the time of one of the two field missionaries, now connected with this station, given to the Boys School; especially as there are only *five* outstations connected with this station. The oversight of the work in five outstations would not seem too heavy a burden for one missionary, while the other one residing in Smyrna & taking charge of the station accounts & supervising the evangelical work here in the city might devote from two to three hours a day to the Boys School, while the influence of an additional missionary in the School would do much to insure the continued development of the School along purely evangelical lines. As the case now stands there are two field missionaries with five outstations and I am the only missionary under appointment of the Board in a rapidly developing school with at present 150 pupils. If on the other hand we compare ourselves with the Girls School we find there in a School doing the same work as we are, four missionary ladies under appointment of the Board for about 100 girls; as against one in the boys School with a much larger number of pupils. Together with this the appropriation to the Girls School is nearly double that of the Boys School. Fully a year ago I talked the whole matter over with Mr MacNaughton & expressed myself pretty much as I have now to you in regard to one of the field missionaries devoting a portion of his time to the Boys School; But apart from the fact that neither he nor Mr. Bartlett felt themselves called or fitted for this department of missionary service there were other obstacles which seemed to stand in the way of any immediate prospect of our realizing such a rearrangement of our plans & work. As I look over the foregoing sentences I fear you will naturally read into them a spirit of complaint or discontent. Let me assure you I am happy in my work & have not one word of complaint to utter. The Lord is prospering the work He has committed to my hands & I am happier in it every day. The Board has dealt its dealings generously with me & with the school. I rejoice that we have been able to say to the Board that we could get along this year with one half of the special appropriation of $1000, & it is not at all improbable that if no further provision were necessary next year for an additional ~~additional~~ helper besides Mr Gurnly, we could without any serious risk of imperilling the interests & success of the school drop the remaining $500 of the special grant. This year by the fortunate economical arrangement with Mr Montgomery we will clear ourselves without difficulty. This is however temporary, & next year we will have to face the question of an additional English or American helper if we are not to make a retrograde movement. I have suggested one possible means of meeting the necessity, though I am aware of the difficulties in the way of such an arrangement for the present at least.

In any case I do not think the Board should seriously consider the withdrawal of the remaining $500 of the special grant. Rather use it to appoint, as I suggested last year, a young unmarried man of the right spirit to join us in the work here or let me find another man of Mr Gurnly's spirit in England. I fear I may have wearied you with such a long letter, but I had no thought when I commenced of going so minutely into all details regarding the present & future of the School. I feel however & I know you will sympathise with me in the feeling, that there is an almost unlimited sphere of usefulness opening up before this School, & that everything or anything which concerns its welfare is deserving of earnest consideration.

This is the Week of Prayer and all our meetings are not only well attended but the spirit is excellent. All the members of our Mission Circle are well with the exception of Miss Saunders who has been indisposed for a week or so but is now rapidly regaining her strength.

Mrs MacLachlan joins me in very kindest regards to Mrs Smith & yourself & with best wishes for a happy new year.

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

P.S. The Armenian Question is of special interest to us at present & we are anxiously awaiting the verdict of Europe in regard to it.

Rev. A. MacLachlan
Smyrna, Jan. 8, 1895
Filed Feb. 4.

Smyrna Turkey in Asia

May 28th 1895

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I have been made to feel during the past few days that I am working along on a rather narrow margin of reserve strength. I think I am quite as strong now as I was last year at this time, but the possible necessity for a decided change during the summer months has started me thinking of the advisability of repeating my request of last year, which was for permission to visit England or Scotland & for a grant of 40 Turkish Liras in case my family accompanied me or 20 L.T. if I went alone. The request was most cordially & generously granted last year, but we were unable when the time came to avail ourselves of the opportunity thus offered us. I have just forwarded my request to the Com. ad. interim with the full approval of our Station & am confident of obtaining that Com's consent. As only few weeks remain until the close of school, when I will be free to leave my post, there is scarcely time to have a reply from you by post. My request through the Com. ad interim will be still later in reaching you. I would ask for a telegram but as there might not be a necessity for my going or the way might not open, it would scarcely be wise to go to the expense of a telegram while there is so much doubt in the matter. If you will therefore write me at the earliest possible date I will be much obliged to you. With kindest regards.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, May 28, 1895.
Rec'd June 13.

American High School.

Smyrna. Turkey. May 9th/95

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr Smith:-

Your good letter of Feby 8th reached me duly & was read with much interest by us. I also read it to my associates Mr Bartlett & Mr MacNaughton. Before referring to some other matters let me write in reply to some points noted in your letter.

I am glad to find you in full agreement with me in the estimate you put upon schools, in regarding them as among the most effective Evangelistic agencies we can employ, & especially here and now in Turkey. That our Boys School here in Smyrna will be the means of raising up a capable and Educated native ministry for the native churches there does not seem to be the slightest reason for doubt, but it seems to me that it will be as a purely evangelistic agency that it will accomplish its greatest work for some years at least. In my previous letter I pointed out to you the wide door which it has already opened to us for direct Evangelistic effort, and (as at present the demand in the Smyrna Field is not so much for preachers as it is for funds to retain the services ~~of~~ those now engaged, there is more danger that the School will be the means of training workers whose services we will be unable to employ than that it will not supply a sufficient number for the work. If there was a present demand for a large staff of preachers and Teachers in our field I would urge the necessity of a special grant for beneficiaries; as we would naturally expect to find most of our workers from among that class who would be unable to bear the expense of their own training. This year we expect to have a graduating class (*our first*) of five young men all of whom are Christians & who have given themselves to Christ during their course of study, & yet we are able to offer an appointment to only one out of the five. Now let us suppose that each of these five young were ready to devote their lives to definite services as Teachers & we had encouraged them to expect an appointment we would now be obliged to disappoint them.

Some of these however are looking forward to other pursuits & wherever they go & whatever they do they will be a centre of evangelical influence. Although it now seems likely that only one of the five will be directly engaged in connection with our work I think you will agree with me that the School has fulfilled all but an ideal purpose so far as these five young men are concerned. There are two other young men who although they will not be able to graduate will go out from us this year. These also are good Christians & have been converted while in our School. Our chief concern is to bring our boys to Christ & it fills our hearts with joy & with praise & gratitude to God to know that each one of the seven boys who goes out from us this year has definitely yielded himself to Christ. The other matter of special importance to which you refer, that of the readjustment of the force of our station so as to leave a considerable part of the time of one of the other missionaries free for special service in connection with the Boys School is noted. But for reasons which I think I pointed out in my letter to you of Jany 8th this can scarcely now be considered as practicable under existing circumstances.

It is for these reasons that I considered the continuance of the special grant of $500 as necessary for at least another year, & I am glad to understand from your letter that you are disposed to favor such a continuance of it. This will mean that of the whole sum of about $6000 00/100 which we will expend on the maintainance of the school, we are asking from the Board only about $900 00/100 which is made up of the special grant of $500.00 & the old allowance of less than $400 00/100. In other words we are asking from the Board only about one seventh of the amount to be expended upon the school. It should also be noted that the growth of the school during the past two years has necessitated a large outlay for permanent furnishings & alterations; and as we have drawn nothing from the Board to meet this large outlay we have met it from the income of the school. This year we have ~~added~~ spent ~~to the~~ on permanent equipment ~~of the~~ and school furnishings, a sum, which, along with the sum spent on alterations and repairs, has necessitated an expenditure from the income, of a sum equal to considerably more* than the special grant of the Board. If this sum be deducted from the aggregate of our expenditure for this year it will be seen ~~that~~ the school this year has been virtually self supporting. It is the need of additional equipment and the services of an

*P.S. I find on calculation that during the past year we have spent in all a sum equal to the total grant of the Board, on equipment, furnishings, alterations, & repairs.

additional English or American Master to take the place of Mr Montgomery & Mr Assmheimer next year that makes the continuance of the Special Grant so urgent for at least another year. I mentioned you in my last letter the favorable arrangement we had been able to make with these two helpers this year which secured to us their services at an actual cost to the School finances of less than one hundred dollars. We must fill their places next year or suffer the School to take a retrograde step. The full services of another master will enable us to maintain our present standard of efficiency & the continuance of the Special Grant of $500.00 will enable us to assume this responsibility.

You asked that I should let you know something more about the religious life in the School & the means which are employed to cultivate and train that life. This demands and receives our first and our constant prayerful thought and attention. Our stated religious exercises consist of our opening exercises every morning. Hymn. Reading of Scripture and prayer, in all about 15 minutes. This is immediately followed by the regular daily Bible lesson of half an hour, the whole School being divided up into Classes. Then again at half past four we all gather in our assembly hall for closing prayer. Every day at twelve we have a noon prayermeeting for Christian boys only which lasts about fifteen minutes. Every Thursday afternoon at half past five comes Miss Blackler's special meeting for the smaller boys for half an hour. On Friday afternoon at 4.45 is our regular weekly prayer meeting which is usually conducted by Mr Durally. On every fourth Friday is our regular missionary meeting. The Missionary Society was formed this year & besides undertaking city missionary work around us and extending help to the poor & visiting the sick we have undertaken the support of a native evangelist in one of the New Hebrides Islands. All meetings of this nature are of course voluntary & yet they are all well attended. On Sunday we allow our boys to attend their own churches in the morning & in the afternoon they attend the services in the evangelical church. Our English service at 7.00 P.M. is well attended, the congregation being quite as large if not larger than at the native service. On Sunday morning all boarders are assigned portions of scripture to prepare by heart. On Sunday evening we have a general "for today" meeting for all the boarders at which besides reciting their scripture verses & singing hymns, we usually have a direct practical talk with the boys. This meeting closes with our regular evening family prayers with the boys which on all other evenings come immediately after dinner in the boys dinning room. Besides all this there are the personal talks with the boys separately which is one of the most effective means of leading them to a definite acceptance of Christ.

Some four or five months ago I wrote the Rev Geo. C Grubb M.A. the successful Evangelist of the Irish Episcopal Church inviting him to Smyrna & conduct special evangelistic services in our Schools & Church. I felt we all needed a thorough rousing up & I was assured that blessing upon the workers would mean blessing upon the work. A second letter to him at Alexandria in Egypt where he was conducting a special mission in Feby. brought him here early in March. He was a guest in our home for nearly a month & the result of his sojourn with us was a genuine spiritual awakening both of Christians & non Christians. The missionaries received a blessing & besides a general awakening in our schools quite a few in both the Boys & Girl's Schools decided definitely for Christ. The history of his mission tours in Ceylon & Australia as given in the two books "What God hath wrought" & "The Same Lord" by Mr Millard who has been the means of rich blessing upon our schools in China, reads like a repetition of Pentecostal times. May the Lord send us many such times of spiritual refreshing.

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Just about this time last year I wrote you of the victory our boys had gained in the School Athletic Sports.

We have just again gained an even more decisive triumph in the School Athletic Sports this year, & only a few weeks ago our lads won the final tie match for the Football Championship Cup. It is interesting to note that our best athletes (who are the most influential among our boys) are our most earnest Christians.

Mr MacNaughton left yesterday for Constantinople to attend the annual meeting of the Western Turkey Mission. It was my turn to go this year and indeed last year, but it is quite impossible for me to leave my post in the School. I trust we will find in our new master next year one who will be able to bear the responsibility of the oversight of the School in case I should be laid aside by illness or find it necessary to leave the city for a few days. At present there is no one able to assume that responsibility. I am glad to report all our circle in good health. As yet we have no plans for the summer vacation. Please excuse this long letter. I had no thought of writing at such length.

Mrs MacLachlan joins me in special regards to Mrs Smith & yourself.

Very sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan. 5
Smyrna, May 9-1895.
Rec'd June 3

P.S. I had almost forgotten to call your attention to the fact that the special grant of $5000 for the current year has not yet been forwarded. I was surprised to learn this from Mr MacNaughton the other day.

On July 13th Dr Daniels wrote me in regard to it "Dr Smith & Mr Ward both understand "that this money was to be a special grant & "not to be included within the limits of the "estimates for your station. I write this as "the judgment of those of us who are here "and will make a memorandum & pin "it to the estimates of the Turkish missions, "so that when Dr Smith returns from his "vacation he will give direct attention to it & "I doubt not make the proper arrangements, "so that you will receive the money as you "need it"

I suppose the matter has been in some way overlooked. Will you kindly make a note of it to the Treasurer & oblige,

Yours A.M.

American High School
Smyrna Turkey
August 27th 95

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr Smith:

I have been long in acknowledging your Cablegram & kind letter of July 3rd in which you advise me of the grant of 40 liras to assist in covering expenses of my trip to England. Please accept my sincere thanks for this very kind provision. As I didn't expect a Cablegram, & as a letter advising me of your decision could not reach me before the middle or latter part of July I had to decide either to forego the trip entirely or to take the first opportunity that offered after the closing of school, & trust that if your reply was unfavorable, to find some other mean of meeting my expenses. This risk made it seem unwise that I should assume the additional expense of taking Mrs MacLachlan & the children along with me. I therefore set out at once in order to reach England in time for the great Keswick Convention, in connection with which is held the annual Encampment of the S.V.M.U ("Students Volunteer Missionary Union"), as this seemed the most likely place for me to find the new associate I was seeking for our Boys School. I therefore set out at once with Keswick as my real objective point, & I am now fully convinced this was the Lords plan for me & also for His work here. I attended the Convention throughout & had my soul refreshed & my spiritual life quickened, and strengthened as never before. In the great missionary meeting of the convention the Rev. George C. Grubb, in giving an account of his missions during the year spoke in the highest terms of the work being done in the "American High School for Boys at Smyrna" and mentioned that I was present at the Convention in special quest of an additional helper for the work. As a partial result of this reference a Young Cambridge graduate definitely offered himself for service with us. He proved to be Mr Frank Gordon B.A. of Corpus Christi College Cambridge, & a brother of Cyril Gordon of the Uganda Mission of whom doubtless you have read much. He graduated about three years ago & passed all his examinations for Orders in the Church of England; but owing to some personal scruples in regard to the ordination vows of his church has not seen his way clear to accept ordination. He had a good course at Cambridge taking a 3rd Mathematical Tripos, & since graduation has been engaged in one of the leading evangelical Preparatory schools in England & in addition to his experience as a master he has also had experience in leading boys to Christ. He has also been an active & energetic member of the S.V.M.U. & was at Keswick in connection with this movement. All this I learned from those who knew him & of him. I had no hesitation therefore after careful inquiry to accept him. He will arrive in Smyrna in time for our opening on Oct 1st & I look forward confidently to his being much used of the Lord for blessing upon our School.

As soon as this matter was definitely settled I felt that as I had left Mrs MacLachlan & the children behind me I should take the first opportunity of returning to them. My sojourn in England extended over nearly five weeks & I felt decidedly refreshed physically as well as spiritually. I returned about ten days ago & am much stronger than when I left. The Lord was with me & prospered me in all His ways & I praise Him heartily for it.

I am now busy preparing a Catalogue for the Boys School & will send you a copy as soon as it is ready.

You will remember that I wrote you some three three or four months ago in regard to the $500 for the Boys School for the Current Year. Mr MacNaughton had told me that it had not been sent, so I wrote you. Your reply made it clear that it had been sent, so I wrote Mr Peet. He replied quoting from some statement accompanying the appropriations "80 liras + $500 Boys High School Smyrna &c" & made some further references to it which I could not clearly understand. It was however evident from his quotation that it had been sent. I again wrote Mr MacNaughton, who is now in Constantinople, from London, saying there must have been some mistake on his part in saying that it had not been sent & asked that he confer personally with Mr Peet in regard to it. He has done so, & I have now a letter from him stating that by what he regards as a mistake this $500 has been swallowed up by the Mission in General, by the whole sum having been "saddled" upon Smyrna Station's regular appropriations instead of upon the whole Mission appropriations. This is the case as I understand it. At any rate the hard fact remains that the Boys School is yet without the 500 assigned to it for this year & I appeal to you to see that we are not left without this sum. I am quite sure there was no intention on the part of the mission to deal unfairly with the Boys School & that the whole mistake has been due to some misunderstanding on the part of the mission. Perhaps a restatement from you to Mr Peet as to where this $500.00 was to come from would enable him to correct the error. I am sure you will be able to arrange that in some way this sum will be provided for us. Our prospects for the coming year are very good indeed, but our increased expenditure for the coming year, assumes a considerable increase in the revenue of the school. Our revenue however cannot increase proportionately with other years as we have no further room for growth in numbers. We can expect it only from our increased rates for the few new pupils who will take the place of old ones. We are all in excellent health & spirits. The news of the addition of Miss Mellinger to our working force is cheering to us all.

With very kindest regards to Mrs Smith & yourself from all the present members of our circle.

I remain,

Very Sincerely Yours,

Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alex Maclachlan.
Smyrna, Turkey.
Rec'd Sept. 12, '95.

Important

Smyrna Jan 4th 1896

My Dear Brother Dwight:

Mr Bartlett is very busy this morning & suggests that I write you in regard to our interview yesterday afternoon with Admiral Selfridge. We went on board in the afternoon & after some general conversation on the situation made known the special purpose of our visit. From previous conversations we had been able to pretty accurately locate his position on the whole question & I can best define it to you by saying that in the main it is that of Mr Terrell. Whether this is due in part or in whole to Mr Terrell's visit I am quite unable to judge, as Mr T. got the first shot at him & it was not until after this that we were able to come to close quarters with him.

Your paper afforded us the opportunity of getting a fair hearing – a privilege we had not fully enjoyed in a previous interview, as the Admiral has a tendency to monopolize the conversation. Yesterday we got a most respectful hearing for your paper & after the very clear & forcible statement of our position did not at least convince him that there was another side to the question then it must have been that he was not open to conviction.

Rev. Alex. MacLachlan

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He insisted upon misunderstanding some of the clearest statements contained in the paper & in condemning in very vigorous terms the American Board for compelling its missionaries to remain at their posts in the interior provinces!!. Said the religious press in America had always been crying out against the Navy Dept & that largely through its influence this Dept was now in its present deplorable condition - That now this same press was clamoring against the Navy Dept because it was not sending more ships into Turkish waters - The Dept has no more ships to send & is doing all it can do Etc. Etc. Two or three times during the reading of the paper he broke in with strong opposition - Your statement in regard to the present attitude of Government officials towards Marsovan & Aintab Colleges, he said was squarely against the facts - Was not the Govt just now protecting these institutions & had it not promised to continue to do so - Give the Turk credit for what he was doing & for what he was trying to do. Was it not natural that the Turk should object to us & our work if one of the indirect results of it was to make his Armenian subjects disloyal & revolutionary. These were some of the points he interposed, every one of which was squarely met & refuted. Before I got to the end of the paper he seemed to have arrived at the conclusion that it was going to close with a request that the American ~~Missionaries in Turkey~~ government should take all the Armenians in Asiatic Turkey under its protection & especially those who are in our schools or in anyway connected with our work – force the passage of the Dardanelles with her warships &c &c & it rather took the "wind out of his sails" when you made it plain at the close that nothing so violent or radical was ever dreamed of. In my opinion the presentation of your paper will produce good results in the Admirals mind. He had nothing whatever to say when each of his entirely untenable positions was refuted & in the end he thanked us most cordially for the paper & our interview – & said he would be glad to retain the paper. We of course left it with him. I have made a copy of your paper & will have good opportunities of reading it to some of the wardroom officers who frequently call upon us. Some of these are fine fellows & sympathize fully with our side of the question. Admiral told us yesterday that he had just received word to the effect that Zeitoon had not fallen but that merely one of the out posts had been captured.

Your Bulletins are eagerly wanted for every week.

School closed yesterday & during the next fortnight I will be able to write you more fully in regard to the Admirals attitude. He is very "come-atable" & most pleasant and genial & expect to have further opportunities of discussing the question with him.

Fraternally Yours

Rev. Alex. MacLachlan.
Smyrna Jan. 4, 1896.
Rec'd Jan. 27.

American High School.

Smyrna Turkey. Jan 6/96

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr Smith:

I have deferred replying to your kind letter of Oct 25th in order to allow sufficient time for correspondence with Mr Peet on the special point under question, namely the special grant of $500. to the Boys School for the year 1895.

In my previous letter to you of Aug 27th I was unable fully to explain how this $500 had been disposed of further than to state that no part of it had been received by the Boys School. I am now able to explain how it has disappeared & to lay the whole case more clearly before you. The regular Smyrna Station estimates were made out in the usual way for the year 1895; with the addition of $500. as a special grant to the Boys School - this being one-half of the $1000. which had been been given as a special grant for the three previous years. These estimates were presented at the Annual Meeting 1894 by Mr Bartlett who was the delegate that year from the Smyrna Station. The estimates of the station were approved, but there seems to have been some question in Mr Bartletts mind as to where the special grant of $500 to the Boys School fitted in, as I find that I wrote you then in regard to the matter in order to make sure that the sum was granted as a special & ~~as~~ not as interfering in any way with the regular estimates of the Smyrna Station. In reply to this I have Dr Daniels letter of July 13th 1894 in course of which he writes "I will answer the one question which you ask in regard to the continuance of a special grant to the Boys' school of at least $500. Dr Smith and Mr Ward both understand that this money was to be a special grant and not to be included within the limits of the estimates for your station. I write this as the judgment of those of us who are here, and will make a memorandum and pin it to the estimates of the Turkish missions, so that when Dr Smith returns from his vacation he will give direct attention to this & I doubt not make the proper arrangements, so that you will receive the money as you need it." This was exactly in accordance with our request & quite set my mind at rest. (See my reply Aug 10th 1894.)

and also in line with your previous letter to Mr Peet in which you wrote him, under date Apr 3/94 regarding the limit of regular Estimates for the year 1895. After stating the total limit for the Western Turkey Mission to be $78.000 you add "Upon representation from Smyrna and further consideration at the rooms it is agreed that the special grant for the Boys School at Smyrna must be continued another year, though at the rate of $500 instead of $1000 as hitherto"

It now transpires that what was done by the W. T. Mission in dealing with this "Special Grant" was to designate a part of the Smyrna station *regular* Estimates as Special Grant to Smyrna Boys School, or in other words, to cut down the station regular estimates sufficient to allow this special grant to be put in & still keep the total sum within the limit for regular estimates for the station. This is precisely what Dr. Daniels' letter says was not the purpose of the Prudential Committee. It means simply that $500 of the sum appropriated for native agency in connection with the station were to be transferred to the Boys' School. Now, our contention with Bro. Peet is that this sum of $500 should have been charged against the total *estimates* of the Mission & not against the Smyrna station Estimates. In this way it would then have suffered the reduction along

with the other Mission estimates. Instead of this however it was saddled entirely upon the Smyrna Station estimates, & this Mr. Peet has argued was the intention of the Prudential Committee. In his last letter Mr Peet writes "Rightly or wrongly, the action against which you complain is the work, first of all of the Annual Meeting at which your delegate was present, and secondly of the Prudential Committee. Now if any change is to be made in the appropriations as they have been certified to us by the Prudential Committee, it belongs either to the Mission or to the Prudential Committee to give you the relief you require." etc etc. So the case stands.
As a result of all this we have been obliged to close the year 1895 with a debt resting on the school. Mr Peet declares his inability to give us further assistance. Can you suggest any means of setting this question right?

We all regret exceedingly the necessity of parting with Miss Bartlett & Miss Harlow. Miss Bartlett especially seems completely broken down. Miss Harlow for the present is not so seriously ill but is quite unfit for school duties. With these exceptions the remaining members of our circle are all in fairly good health. With very kindest regards, in which Mrs MacLachlan also joins me

I remain.
Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLach

Rev. Alex. MacLachlan.
Smyrna, Jan. 6, 1896.
Rec'd Jan. 24.

Smyrna. Turkey. Jan 18th 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

It must now be nearly a year since I last wrote to you. Your reply, counselling me to look to Smyrna Station for the readjustment of the supposed "Special Grant" to the Boys School for 95, but which failed to reach it, was of course accepted as the final deliverance of the Prudential Com. on the question & I have no desire now to revive it, further than simply to record a very decided conviction, and one in which my associates share, that in this matter the Boys' High School has been treated with but scant justice. Perhaps too it will not be out of place just here to notice in this connection that the decision of the Com. in this matter has thrown the School virtually upon its own resources since the close of 1894. Although a fraction of the old original grant, of about 80 liras is still credited to the Schools, it has, for

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more than two years past, met all its current expenses, including the salaries of a large staff (12 in all) of native & foreign masters from its own revenues. While I think this is a fair showing for a new institution, & I am glad to be able to report that the withdrawal of the entire special grant of \$1000.00 after only three years continuance has not seriously crippled the school, still you will easily understand that it must be a matter of constant and anxious solicitude to be obliged to plan in advance for each year's responsibilities without any permanent backing apart from our own revenues; especially in such times of uncertainty as are now upon us here, & when we are dependent for our patronage upon communities which may be with us to-day, and without any sufficient reason so far as we are concerned, against us to-morrow. The conditions are certainly not ideal.

However all is going well with us & we praise the Lord. We have our full limit of 150 pupils, and with Mr MacNaughton's valuable help we are able to provide for all our classes without the assistance of a second English master. Mr Lawrence who came to us from Boston & whom I understand you met last Summer is rendering good service. He has just become engaged to Miss Lewis, one of the teachers in the Girls School. Our holiday season now closing has been a somewhat trying one for us in both the Girls School & the Boys School on account of a severe scourge of typhoid fever which has been very prevalent especially in this quarter of the city. In the Boys School we have had two cases among the Boarders & two among the servants all at the same time, & probably a score of cases among our day pupils. None of these however have proved fatal & they are now all convalescent. One case in the Girls School proved fatal. At present Miss Saunders seems to be recovering, though she is very much run down & will require careful nursing. We are all rejoicing over the prospective return to her post this week at the Girls School of Miss Pohl. She is very much needed especially at present as some of the other ladies, particularly ~~especially~~ Miss MacCallum are very much worn out waiting upon one of the Girls who is seriously ill with Typhoid. The last official letter from the Station written by Mr MacNaughton emphasized the necessity of providing two new lady missionaries for the Girls School, one to take the place of Miss Pohl whom we did not expect at that time to return to us & the other to take the place of Miss Lawrence. We are glad now to report that the case is not so desperate as it then warranted us in reporting it to

Miss Pohl is returning & we have good hope that Miss Griswold may be persuaded to continue another year. The case in regard to Miss Lawrence is clear however. Her connection with the Girls School will close with the present session, and a substitute should therefore be sought for without delay, so that she may be on hand ready for duty by the opening of the next school year in the autumn of this year.

The work here in Smyrna has never had a more prosperous aspect than it has to-day, while the reports from the outstations are upon the whole most encouraging. Our schools, with the exception of the Kindergarten, are full & overflowing & the congregations are much larger than I have ever known them in the past. And now just a word in closing in regard to our Consul_ Col Madden. The change of administration may interfere with the continuance of the consular representatives in some places. We here would regard the withdrawal of Col Madden with the deepest regret, both on account of the high personal esteem in which we all hold him and especially on account of the excellent service he has rendered to the missionary and other American interests in this part of the Empire. With very kindest regards in which my associates join with me, I remain

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachl

Smyrna, Jan. 18, 1897.
Rec'd Feb. 16.

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To the
Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Secy. A.B.C.F.M. Congregational House
Boston - Mass. USA

Dear Dr Smith:

On Jan 18th 1896 we wrote you as follows regarding our Consul at Smyrna, Col J.H. Madden.

"Inasmuch as the interests of the American missionaries and their work in the Turkish dominions are very closely allied with and in a very considerable measure dependent upon the active and sympathetic offices of the Consular representatives of the United States:-

We, the undersigned missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, stationed at Smyrna - Turkey in Asia, desire to place on record our high appreciation of the most efficient services rendered on behalf of ourselves and the work we represent, by the present United States Consul at Smyrna, Col J H Madden, during the term of his appointment.

The interests of our missionary operations here during the past three years have required frequent reference to the Turkish Government, where only the offices of a discreet and energetic Consul could avail to secure the protection of the American rights and interests involved; and we owe it to our present Consul to testify to the wisdom and the marked ability with which he has on every such occasion served the interests of our country and of our Missionary work.

In view of all this we venture to express our unanimous hope and earnest desire that Col. Madden may long continue here as the representative of the United States Government.

In expressing ourselves thus it will not be amiss to add that in doing so, we have every reason to know that we are recording the sentiment of the entire American Community resident in Smyrna.

Signed, on behalf of the American Missionaries in Smyrna
Lyman Bartlett.
James P McNaughton
Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, Jan. th 1891

After another year of continued active & most efficient service and in view of any possible changes in the consular representation by the new administration, we desire again to reiterate and emphasize what is written in the foregoing letter.

On behalf of Smyrna Station
Yours Very Sincerely
Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan,
and Others} – Smyrna Jan. 4, 1897.
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Smyrna. Feby 2nd 1893.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston U.S.A.

Dear Dr Smith:-

The inclosed testimonial letter will explain itself & the reason for repeating it at the present time will be apparent to you when I tell you that the Consul himself is in the same mind with us in desiring that no change be made in the U.S. Consular representation here, by the incoming administration. If you will kindly forward a copy of the accompanying letter to the State Department early in the month of April & just after the first great rush of office seekers has subsided it will probably prove of value in securing what we all wish.

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna Feb. 2, 1897.

Rec'd March 13.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-31-98
Ans'd

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March 5th 1898

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass. U.S.A.

My Dear Dr Smith:

There are some matters connected with the work and workers in this field which I desire to lay before you. Of the work generally I think I may safely say that it has never been so prosperous or hopeful as it is at the present time. This prolonged reduction however is most discouraging. Last year by means of special appeals to friends in England we were able to avoid the necessity of closing up any of our outstation work. But we can scarcely expect our friends to respond continuously to such appeals, and the prospect of further avoiding this ruinous necessity of closing up work and dismissing workers is at the present moment small indeed. This will mean that funds and labor expended during past years will be largely lost. It looks very much as if fear the constituency of the Board had grown weary in welldoing; And indeed if there is to be no forward movement it would be very much better that we should be told so outright, that we might at once drop part of the burden we are now endeavoring to carry with altogether insufficient support.

I wish also to refer to the reduction which our own salaries have suffered and the seriousness of the situation in which we are thereby placed. I do this because silent aquiesence might be interpreted to mean that before reduction our salaries allowed a generous margin over and above actual necessities & that therefore the reduction does not seriously inconvenience us. In this city where living is very expensive our salaries *before* reduction were over 20% less than the salaries of the representatives of another missionary Board in this same city. By the reduction our salaries are nearly 30% less than those of our fellow-workers under the other Board. This seems like crowding the matter of personal self support upon the missionaries somewhat severely. I have succeeded in getting the special department of the work for which I am here responsible, on a self-supporting basis, but I have no hope of ever succeeding in getting myself in that enviable position at least so long as I continue

& give all my time and strength to the work the Board has here assigned me. This is not a protest and I trust we may succeed in getting to the end of the year without having disobeyed the divine injunction to "owe no man anything"; but I am quite sure that obedience in this case will mean no small amount of anxious care and the most rigid economy.

Furlough. Both Mr McNaughton and myself have been absent from America for more than ten years. My associate made application for a furlough two years ago, but the permission to go did not reach him, through an oversight, until nearly a year later. The continued absence of Mr Bartlett however on account of his daughters health made it impossible for Mr McNaughton to go even last summer. We are both much in need of rest and we feel that one of us should go to America this summer and the other a year later. One missionary however must on no account be left here alone, and while we hope and pray that Mr Bartlett may be able to return this autumn, we think the Board should consider the contingency of his not being able to return, and in such a case provide a temporary helper, for at least two years to cover the furlough of Mr MacNaughton and myself, who would give his time entirely to the work here in the Collegiate Institute. Of course if Mr Bartlett can return in September this necessity may be avoided.

The other matter of which I wish to write especially concerns the Girls School, though in writing to you in regard to it I am writing on behalf of the Station. It may be that there is no necessity for this expression of our feelings, but a remark made by Miss Lawrence in a recent letter to a friend here in Smyrna decided us to write you in the strictest confidence that, in case this remark implied a desire or purpose to return to missionary work here, we would all regard it as undesirable. The gentleman to whom she became engaged is still a resident of Smyrna & it is for reasons connected with that aspect of the case that would in our opinion make her return here as a missionary of the Board undesirable. It is not simply the mere fact of her engagement but the influence of the breach of engagement of this gentleman with Miss Saunders and his subsequent engagement with Miss Lawrence that has produced such an unfavorable impression both upon the native community & on our own mission circle, & that makes us all feel that her return here as a missionary would not be in the general interests of the work. With very kindest regards.

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

P.C.

Smyrna, Mch. 5 1898
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Ans'd. 6-10-98

P.C. American Collegiate Institute
Smyrna. (TURKEY.) April 9th 1898

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr Smith:

About one month ago I wrote you, among other matters, in regard to a furlough for either Mr MacNaughton or myself this coming July.
At that time it was not clear which of us should go this year. For some time past Mr Lawrence who has been my right hand man in the boys school for the past two years has been planning to go to Edinburgh at the end of the present school year to Prepare himself for Medical Missionary work. In this case t would be impossible or at least very difficult for Mr MacNaughton to be left in charge of the school with the new man who should come in Mr Lawrences place as his "second in command". This would therefor necessitate my remaining at my post for another year at least & til Mr MacNaughton should return from his furlough year hence. In the event however of Mr Lawrence remaining with us another year it would seem a very strong reason hy we should take our furlough this year & be back before a

a new man comes in Mr Lawrence's place a year henc

Mr L- has now postponed his medical plans for a yea and so remains at his present post another year. In vie of this Mr MacNaughton & I have thought it most advisable th I and my family should get off for our furlough at the close of the present School term in July. The state of both Mrs MacLachlan heath and my own is such as to make a rest and change mo desirable. My School duties are very exacting & I am now in the mission field for more than two years without I may say any rest. Especially for some weeks past I have been feeling very much wo out & I trust the Prudential Com. will grant my request for a years furlough. I have to-day sent a formal request for such a furlough to the Com. Ad Interim at Constantinople for approv and I trust it will duly reach the Prudential Com & receive its sanct

Without anticipating the decision of the Prudential Com. may I ask is it required that missionaries returning to America on furlough at once report themselves at the rooms in Boston immediately a their arrival. I ask this question because as my home is now in Chatham Ontario Canada it would probably be more convenien for me and my family to go direct to Montreal by one of the Canadian lines of steamships & from there on to Chatham & then report myself from that point and await advice from you.

I will naturally be anxious to have the decision of the Prudential Com. at the earliest possible date as we will have many final arrangements to make here before starting

Awaiting your reply, and with very kind regards,

I remain

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

P.S. Perhaps I should refer to the question of Mr Bartletts retu next fall. I have just had a letter from him in which he expresses his readiness to return here in September alone if Miss Nellies health does not at that time permit of her accompanying him. When this question was before us one year ago we expressed our opinion adversely as at that time we understood that Miss Nellies health was such that it would be unwise to have her father leave her. Mr Bartlett however writes now that her health is so much improved that he could well leave her in America, & she herself fully acquiesces in this opinion. If she is not able to return with her father she would doubtless be able to accompany us when we return a year later. I have talked the matter over fully with Mr MacNaughton & we are both of the opinion that under existing circumstances it would be advisable for Mr Bartlett to return in September even if Miss Nellie is unable to accompany him.

Yours Etc
Am.

Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, April 9-1898

Rec'd April 28

P.C.

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan,
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Ans'd. 6-10
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American Collegiate Institute
Smyrna. (TURKEY.) April 9th 1898

To the
Committee ad Interim
Bible House
Constantinople

Dear Brethren:-

I wish to present for your sanction a request to be permitted to return with my family to America on furlough in July of the present year.

The reasons which urge me to this request are the following:- I have now been in the mission field somewhat over ten years & the present condition of my health demands a period of rest and change. The reasons for similar rest and change in the case of Mrs MacLachlan are even more urgent than in mine. By mutual agreement with Mr MacNaughton who now holds the permission of the Prudential Com. for such a furlough, it seems best that any furlough should precede hi on account of special circumstances connected with the boys school

If this request meets with you approval as I trust it will, may I as that you forward it on to the Pred. Com with as little delay as possible.

Fraternally Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

Heartily approved.

J.P. McNaughton

Endorsed by Com. ad Int.

Geo. F. Herrick

Cons^ple May 2^d. 1898

P. C.

Rev. Alex. MacLachlan

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~~Smyrna (Turkey)~~ Aug 24th 1898

Chatham - Ont - Canada.

Rec'd Aug. 29

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Secy. A.B.C.F.M.
Congregational House
Boston Mass U.S.A.

ear Dr Smith:-

At last we are able
report ourselves as having arrived
t our destination in Canada. We
ached here yesterday afternoon after
ving made short visits at Montreal
d Toronto to see some relations &
d friends. We were somewhat
tained in London through not
ing able to secure a stateroom
either of the steamers which
had hoped to come to Montreal

in. My time there however was
fully occupied with the effort to secu
a University man to join our staff
in the Collegiate Institute – an effort
which, I regret very much to say
in the end proved fruitless, and con-
sequently I am obliged to continue
the effort on this side, as the demand
of the work this coming year abso
requires an additional helper. I a
glad indeed to learn that Mr Bartlett
is already I understand on his wa
back to Smyrna, but of course he
be of no real help to Mr MacLachlan
in the Institute, though his presence
is much needed in the other depart
of the work. It just now occur
to me that my previous correspon
regarding my furlough has been with
Dr Barton & that consequently

perhaps this letter should have been more properly addressed to him. Our journey from Smyrna has been a fairly pleasant one throughout, though the care of the three children without the help of a nurse was a constant source of anxiety to both of us. They however stood the long journey well, & now Mrs MacLachlan although much fatigued will I trust in a very few days be much benefitted by it. I am much refreshed & decidedly stronger than when I left ~~to~~ Smyrna. We are now living with my widowed mother who lives here in Chatham & we expect to make this our headquarters during our furlough subject to the approval of the Board. In any case I hope to be allowed to remain here quietly for some time & until I am sufficiently rested to undertake any service the Board may assign me. Mrs MacLachlan & the children will Expect remain here throughout the year. We plan to send Rosalind & Bruce our two oldest children to school just as soon as classes reopen after vacation. Grant, our youngest boy is still too young even for Kindergarten.

And now a word on finances:– On leaving Smyrna I drew from Mission treasury 100 English pounds for traveling expenses. Our fares including the three children were on the basis of 3½ full fares on steamer & 3 full fares on railways.

Of the 100£ drawn from Mission Treasury 80£ have thus been expended on traveling expenses Smyrna to Chatham the remaining 20£ remaining in my hands & subject to your order.

I presume I should further explain now that as I am without private resources & my mother is not in a position to support me & my family

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Smyrna. (TURKEY.) 18

I am under the necessity of looking
the Board for support during my
furlough. Just how much I will
require for this purpose it is
impossible for me to state definitely.
A rough estimate however of what
I think will be necessary for the support
of myself and family is about 80 to 85
dollars per month. I need scarcely
explain that I have not saved anything from
my missionary allowance. Indeed we found
it so difficult to make ends meet during
the last few months in the mission field
under reduced salary that on leaving
Smyrna we found ourselves obliged
to sell quite a considerable amount
of our furniture in order to leave our
station absolutely clear of debt. Under

these circumstances you will apprecia
the necessity I am under of laying
before you my present furlough
requirements.

I have an impression I heard the
Annual meeting is to be held this year
at Grand Rapids in Mich. I do not
however know the date & would be gla
to have you remember in replying to
advise me of the date. As Grand Rapi
is not so very far here I should lik
very much if it is possible to be
present at the Annual meeting.

Hoping to hear from you soon
& awaiting your advice.

I am,
Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLach

Rev. Alex. MacLachlan 5*

~~American Collegiate Institute~~
~~Smyrna, Turkey~~ Oct 19th 1898
Chatham - Ont - Canada

Rec'd Oct. 22

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House - Boston - Mass

Dear Dr Smith:-

I am just home from Chicago where I spent the week following Annual Meeting & where I enjoyed a delightful sojourn at the home of Mr E. W. Blatchford. The rush of annual meeting afforded no opportunity for quiet conference with you in regard to the prospects and plans for the future development of the work at Smyrna & especially of the Coll Institute. I had avoided any reference to it in previous correspondence in the hope that an opportunity would offer for conference at Grand Rapids.

The need of enlarged accommodation, and equipment to meet our enlarged opportunities is simply imperative. and I feel that any time and strength I can devote to providing for this need during the next few months, without interfering with the purpose for which this furlough has been granted, viz necessary rest & recuperation of health, should be so devoted.

I write now to request the formal sanction of the Board, & its indorsement of the needs of the Institution. The sum of 25,000 dollars would meet our present & most pressing requirements, but a much larger sum than this would be necessary to place the Institution on a permanent basis and beyond the need of future assistance.

In soliciting this aid it is of course understood that I avoid the turning aside of funds to this purpose that would otherwise go into the general Treasury fund of the Board.

I expect to leave for Toronto next week and if you will kind address your reply to 16 Cottingh St. Toronto in care of A. H. Crawford Esq. it will reach me direct as I expect to remain there about ten days.

Awaiting your reply and with very kind regards,

I remain

Yours Sincerely

Alexander MacLachl

Rev. Alexander McLachlan

38 Somerset Street
Ottawa - Ont - Canada
Nov 30th 1898.

Revd. Judson Smith D.D.
Congl House - Boston Mass.

Dear Dr Smith:-

I write you now in regard to a missionary lady teacher for the Coll. Inst. for Girls in Smyrna. Have you succeeded in finding anyone to take the place of Miss ~~Hasle~~ Griswold who returned & retired from the work last Spring? More than a year ago Miss McCallum, & I think you also, had some correspondence with a Miss Gordon, then a student of Queen's

University Kingston Canada
I understand the arrangement
failed at that time largely
through the unwillingness
of Miss Gordon to accept anyth
beyond a temporary appointme
On my arrival here a few
days ago I learned that she
is now living in Ottawa &
yesterday afternoon and
evening I had two long conferences
with her. I have thought that
Miss Pohl's illness might not
only call for permanent
reinforcement of the Staff but
also an immediate & pressing
need for help especially if you
have not yet succeeded in
finding a successor to Miss
Griswold. I now find

Miss Gordon practically ready & willing to go out there next summer under regular appointment & I think if the present need is very urgent she might even be persuaded to give up her present position & go at once.

She is a young lady of excellent spirit & attainments & would, I have no doubt, meet the requirements of the work at Smyrna. I am planning to leave here for New York to-morrow afternoon & my address while there will be, 6 West 57 Street - Care, John S. Kennedy Esq. You may communicate with me there or with Miss Gordon direct in care of Elgin St Schools Ottawa Ont. Canada. I am

anxious to go to Boston & will do so
if possible. I am especially anxious
to confer with you personally in
regard to your letter of Oct 29th I
have deferred acknowledging it in
the hope of possibly getting to Boston
The whole spirit of the letter was
a revelation to me. You clearly
imply a question of the desirability
of enlargement under present circumstances.
You more than imply
that you regard it is my purpose
to provide for this enlargement
from the constituency of the
American Board and at the
sacrifice of the interests of the
missionary institutions at
Bardezag. Marsovan & Caesar
& further that I need to be reminded "that
the school at Smyrna is not

the only institution in Turkey."
There are other points in your letter which call for special notice, but for the present I note only the foregoing.
As to the question of the need of enlargement:
You know of course that the Smyrna School is the only institution of its kind of grade in the Smyrna Mission Station covering a territory as large as all the New England States with the exception of Maine & with a population of about 2,000,000. You know too that for the past three years it has been full to overflowing - that we are now occupying rented accommodations for which we have already paid in rent about $1000. (This sum however has not been given by the Board).
We are now obliged to use our

dining-room & hallway for
classrooms, and all this after
we had already converted the hor
stable & carriage house (belonging
to our present property) into class-ro
You know also the wide door
which this institution has opened
up to us for direct evangelistic
& missionary work & You are
aware also that for the past three
Years this work has been carried
forward with practically no
support from the American Boa
apart from the support of the
missionary in charge, and
yet you raise the question of
the advisability of enlarging
such a work in a practically
unoccupied and unlimited
field. As I & my associates agree

with me as to the need of enlargement I need only say that they are one with me in assuming responsibility for an enlargement to which we are already definitely pledged; & can you possibly imagine the brethren at Marsovan Caesarea & Bardizag questioning the need of enlargement in such a field especially under existing circumstances. If such enlargement implied as you strangely presume it would, any sacrifice of the interests of the institutions at these points there would be good reason for consulting their opinions on the question of enlargement at Smyrna. I was careful however to make it perfectly plain that no funds would be solicited for such extension that would otherwise reach the treasury of the Board, & in view of this fact I am utterly unable to appreciate the position you tak in Your letter. But I must not write more now, indeed perhaps I have already written too much, although it is not a tittle of wha I wish to say. I had not intende to touch upon this question when I commenced my letter, & I trus I may have an opportunity of talking over fully all the point referred to and implied in You letter of Oct 29th. With Kind regards,

Very Sincerely You

Alexander MacLachlan

P.S. In almost every city I have visited I find some Oriental raising money with a free hand in the Congregational churches for so personal enterprise not effort being made ev warn the constituency of the Board against su impostors.

Chatham. Ont. Canada
Jany 6th 1899.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Dr Smith:

When your favor of Dec 2nd reached me in New York more than a month ago I had already made definite plans to return to Ottawa by way of Boston in order to confer with you personally in regard to the Smyrna Institute affairs and one or two other matters which I am sure could be more easily arranged by a short personal conference than by any amount of correspondence. Three or four days after reaching New York I was threatened with a complete nervous colapse and was warned by Mr Kennedys family physician that unless I took immediate and absolute rest and at the same time freed my mind from all anxious care in regard to the Smyrna work I might not be able to return to it.

I was not however invalided & I still expected to return by way of Boston. I remained quietly in New York for a few days and only a day or so before my visit was ended I was seized with a severe attack of the Grippe which completely invalided me & necessitated my returning to Ottawa as directly as possible. Almost immediately after my return to Ottawa I was unfortunately drawn into the Jenanyan controversy at Toronto. I was wholly unfit physically to be out of bed, much less to make the journey to Toronto. The conference however had been arranged for & the date fixed, and as the Com. in charge seemed to regard my presence as indispensable I felt constrained to go & offer my testimony. This aggravated my cold and I am only now able to be about again. I am taking absolute rest however & expect to do so for the next two months. By the end of tha time if I am feeling quite strong again I hope to comply with a request from Dr Hitchcock to address some of the leading C.E.S's of Ill. whi he is planning to undertake the support of Mrs. McLachlan & myself in the mission field. After that if I am still feeling able for it I hope to immedia an active campaign in the interests of the Institute at Smyrna absolutely outside the constituency of the A.B.C.F.M., and now the Station & Missio have both formally recommended this I can conceive of ~~any~~ no further possible objection from the rooms in Boston.

I was unable to see Miss Gordon on my return to Ottawa owing to the condition of my health but I sent a message to her sugges that she place herself in communication with you with a pro of joining our force in time to take up service when the Institu reopens next autumn.

The Jenanyan inquiry in Toronto was a very unsatisfactor affair from every standpoint though I think it has most effectively settled Mr Jenanyan's career so far as Canada is concerned. The inquiry was practically broken off at the end of the second day and a somewhat meaningless resolution was asse to by about only one fifth of Mr Jenanyan's supporters. The remaining four fifths of them refusing to take any action in the matter especially as it was understood that the whole case was to be thoroug investigated by the Presbytery of New York. Jenanyan's scheme is much more comprehensive than is generally supposed but I think it is no doomed to failure. He is working incalculable harm to the cause in Turkey, some additional proof of which have just reached me in a letter from my associate, & I trust Presbytery may at least clip his wings by stopping his use of all the excellent names which it is evident he has secured by false means.

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Chatham, Jan. 6, 1898.
Rec'd Jan. 9.

Chatham - Ontario Canada

Jany 16th 1899

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston - Mass. U.S.

Dear Dr Smith:-

Yours of Jany 4th reached me duly but as I had written you at considerable length only a day or so before the receipt of yours covering the important points in your letter I did not write you an immediate acknowledgment.

I am glad to have the formal authorization of the Prudential Com & sincerely hope my plans for the Institute may be realized. As I wrote you I am now in enforced inactivity & will be obliged to remain quiet for another month or so. I feel however that I am daily gaining strength & as soon as I feel able for it I hope to go to Ill. in response to Dr Hitchcock's request to address some of the leading Y.P.S.C.E. which he desires to interest in the support of Mrs MacLachlan & myself.

I think I wrote you something of the Jenanyan affair here in Canada, & more particularly in Toronto. It seems now that Mr Jenanyan is trying to make capital out of the resolution which received the approval of about only one fifth of his own supporters & endorsers, representing it as the unanimous verdict of the conference. He is a slippery man & most difficult to handle. I have yet no advice from the Com of inquiry appointed by N.Y. Presbytery as to what action it is now taking in the matter.

I had practically decided to regard the resolution of the conference in Toronto as settling the matter & clearing Mr Jenanyan.

The Chairman wrote me to this effect, & later that Mr Jenanyan was now bringing forward charges against me in Ny. Pres. to the effect that I had circulated rumors which were injurious to him as a Minister & to his work for the Master. I replied that if Mr J. attempted to air any such grievance in Pres. I would then be obliged to verify & add to the statements or rumors complained of.

Pres. met a week ago & although I earnestly requested Mr Scott Chairman of the Com. of inquiry to kindly advise me of the action of the Com. & repeated the request in a subsequent letter I am still without advice. A P.C. just received from Mr Mead however makes it evident that the inquiry is going on. I suggested to the Com. of Ny. Pres in my letter that if the inquiry were limited to the matter of Mr J's use of names it would be well & fit in this way to clip Mr J's wings so that the injury he is unquestionably working to the missionary cause in Asia Minor might be stopped.

His scheme is a much more comprehensive one than is generally supposed. I also wrote the Com. to avoid if possible drawing me into the controversy in Ny. Pres. as the whole thing was so very distasteful to me & that I had neither time nor strength to waste on Jenanyan & his scheme.

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

Chatham, Jan. 16, 1899.

Filed Jan. 20

Chatham, Ont., Canada, Feb. 16, 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Congregational House,
Boston, Mass.

Rev. Dr. Smith:-

Some two months ago I wrote you from Ottawa in regard to a Miss Gordon of that city who is somewhat disposed to accept an appointment in the Girls' Collegeiate Institute in Smyrna. I wrote at the same time to the friends in Smyrna and stated the case pretty fully. I have now heard from them in reply and one qualification in the new appointment is so strongly insisted upon t that I fear Miss Gordon would not meet this special requirement.

They are particularly anxious that the new missionary will be able to take charge of the music, especially the vocal music. In talking the matter over with Miss Gordon she gave me to understand that she did not feel herself specially qualified for this particular work and as the friends in Smyrna feel so strongly on this point I do not think it would be advisable to negotiate any futher with Miss Gordon, unless as Mr. McNaughton suggests, it is impossible to find one competent to take charge of this department of the work. They will, as he says, in case one competent to meet these special requirements cannot be found, gladly welcome Miss Gordon.

Since hearing from Mr. McNaughton a week or ten days ago, I have been thinking much about the matter and was led to write to a Miss Platt who is at present engaged in teaching at Red Bank, in New Jersey. I have heard much of Miss Platt since coming here to Chatham. She was two or three years one of the teachers in the Collegiate Institute here and has left a very enviable record behind her in Chatham. She holds the degree of B. A. from the University of Toronto having graduated from there some few years ago with a very creditable record. It came to me, I trust as an inspiration, a few days ago that it might be possible that Miss Platt would consider the needs of the work in Smyrna. She is a most devoted christian and a young lady of excellent attainments. She has travelled and studied in Europe and is able to command the best positions in educational institutions, where the remuneration for her services is more than twice what her missionary allowance in the mission field would be. With all this however I felt that she was none too good for the work in Smyrna, and however excellent her attainments, they could all be used to special advantage in the Lord's service there.

After thinking the matter over I wrote her a few days ago and stated the case, giving her a general outline of the work and told her that if you had not secured a missionary for this position I felt it would be an open door for her to enter.

To-day I had a letter from her in reply and I think I cannot do better than to enclose this to you. Would you kindly drop a line to her addressed to Red Bank, New Jersey, and state whether or not the appointment has been made? I would be glad also if you would let me know. If you would kindly return her letter to me I would be obliged to you. Of course in writing to her you could explain that I had brought the matter in this way to your notice.

I am also writing Miss McCallum. I am sure from all I have heard of Miss Platt that she will fill in a most creditable way every requirement of the position and will be a valuable acquisition to the staff of workers in Smyrna. I am writing to her in reply to some questions asked in her letter, and if you think best, it might be well that you also touch upon them. You can judge somewhat of her spirit from the tone of her letter, which I think is admirable.

I am glad to be able to report that I am steadily gaining in strength and if I continue improving, I expect to go ~~out~~ as far West as Chicago in response to Dr. Hitchcock's request sometime in March.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and that you may be successful in securing the services of Miss Platt for our work in Smyrna,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander MacLachlan

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Rev. Alexander MacLachl

Chatham, Ont., Can., March, 2, 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith, D. D.
Congregational House,
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Dr. Smith;-I am sorry to have to advise you that in a letter just received from Miss Platt, she writes that her mother, quite contrary to her expectation, has firmly vetoed her desire~~d~~ purpose to enter the foreign Mission Field. She gives me in this letter a full statement of the whole situation in her own family, and in view of it all I fully understand why she feels that she must now say, no. I exceedingly regret this new turn in affairs, as I had quite assured myself that she would surely join our Missionary forces in Smyrna. She may have written you directly but I have thought it best, in case she has not done so, to tell you of her final decision, so that you may know there is no longer any hope of securing her services.

Brother Mead has been with me for the last two or three days, and he left last evening for New York, direct. We went pretty thoroughly over the Jenenyan case. It seems clear to us that there is only one righteous course to follow, and that the interests of the Lords work there demand that the ~~latter~~ whole question ought to be faced now in a frank open straightforward way. It is not a question where personal jealousy or prejudice has any part, however much Mr. Jenanyan may endeavor to so represent it. It is a question of a wider range and does not concern only Mr. Jenanyan and his particular scheme but the whole question of irresponsible individual effort on the part of native Christains. It is of course a most disagreeable and thankless task, in which ones motives are sure to be impugned , even on the part, it may be, of some of our good people here in America. But should these considerations turn us aside from the task when infinitely greater interests are imperiled? I hope the Board will take a firm stand upon his case and scheme, as I am sure that infinitely greater interests will be conserved by such a course than by yielding to any veiled threats of the withdrawal of support from the Board on part of any of J's partizans. There may possibly be temporary losses at this end but the gains on the field will be infinitely greater if his present course on the Mission Field or that of his representatives there can be finally checked. If he is now allowed to gain an "ecclesiastical standing" in the Congregational Church, he may work no end of mischief in turning aside contributions from the Board. His present policy as we all know is one of direct antaganism, first of all, to the American Missionaries laboring in Turkey; and then also to the "American Board" here in America. If he is not now thououghly advertised in his true colors he will do more harm in the future than he has been able to accomplish up to the present. I do not think he can possibly do anything now in Canada — Thanks to the courageous action of the "Westminster", of Toronto.

I expect to go to Chicago the latter part of next week to undertake the campaign among the Christain Evdeavor Societies that Dr. Hitchcock has planned.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander MacLachlan

Chatham, March 2, 1899

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Chatham. Ont Canada

April 6th 1899

Rec'd April 8

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston. Mass

Dear Dr Smith:-

My last note to you was in reference to Miss Platt, now of Red Bank, N.J.; and was to the effect that I felt there was no longer any hope of her coming to Smyrna. I came to that conclusion from a letter I had just received from her, in which I understood her to say that certain home claims in addition to other considerations had practically decided her not to consider any further the claims of the work in Smyrna upon her. I evidently read too much into her letter, as appeared from another letter received from her shortly after I had thus written you.

The claims of the work continued to press upon her, & I was rejoiced

I have a letter from her more than a week ago telling me that she had written you definitely offering herself to this work. Along with this she enclosed a letter recently received from her Mother. It was a most beautiful letter & showed clearly that her mother is a fully consecrated woman, and specially zealous in the interests of foreign missionary work.

I have just received letters from the friends in Smyrna written in answer to one I wrote on receiving the first letter from Miss Platt, in which they express the earnest hope that she may definitely offer herself to the work in Smyrna.

The more I learn of Miss Platts spirit & qualifications for the work the more I rejoice that she has been led to devote herself to this service.

I trust there may be no hitch or delay in Your negotiations with her relative to her appointment, so that she may be able to travel with us. I am anxious to spend a few weeks of our furlough in some quiet nook

in Scotland for the sake of absolute r
and especially in the hope that Mrs Mac
may gain some strength before we return.
are sorry to say that our stay in Canada
not benefitted her in the least, & that s
is now considerably weaker than she w
last Autumn. My own health is now
fully restored & I am now gaining in f
It seems impossible however to get rest here
this is one reason why I wish to spend a p
of our furlough some place outside of Am

I presume our furlough allowance w
be continued during our sojourn in Scot
the same as if we remained here in America
As I fear we must be back in Smyrna by the
last of August or 1st of Sept we will need to sail
from America the last week in June
the first week in July, in order to leave time
our rest in Scotland.

I am leaving for Chicago to-morrow
morning in response to Dr Hitchcock's
call. I expect to be absent two or three
weeks.

With kindest regards

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLach

Chatham, Ontario, Canada, Apr. 28,1899.

Rev. Judson Smith, D. D.,
Congregation House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr . Smith;-

Your kind letter of April 8th reached me duly in Chicago, from which point I returned on Tuesday of this week. I was in Chicago about 18 days, arriving there on aFriday, and leaving two weeks from the following Monday. I commenced my addresses on the Sunday morning after my arrival, and during the next 15 days, I made, in all, 18 addresses. It was, I believe, a good experience for myself and I trust it may not be without good results to the work. I met with a very hearth response in each meeting, and I can see, I think, splendid possibilities from the Christian Endeavors if they are once thoroughly aroused to the question of Missions.

I was very hospitably entertained at the home of dear Mr. B Blatchford, and to the kind care i received in that home, so devoted to the ministry of hospitality, I owe the fact that I came through the campaign with so little loss of strength and vitality. I only wish it were possible for me to get into close touch with all the societies in that state connected with the Congregational Churches.

I am glad to see from your letter that Dr. Daniels is now following up the application of Miss Platt, and I earnestly trust with you that it may culminate in her appointment. I am glad, also, to have your concurrence in our plans to spend some time in Scotland on our return journey to Smyrna. I am sorry that Mrs MacLachlan's health shows little signs of improvement, and I am, therefore, all the more anxious to give her the benefit of a short sojourn in Scotland, where there is reason to hope she may get a good start forward in the

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re-establishing of her health. I expect we will be in Boston towards the latter part of June, when I wish to talk over with you some plans regarding the Institute in Smyrna.

With very kind regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander MacLachlan

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Rev. Alexander McLachlan

Chatham, Ont. Canada

May 11 '99.

Revd James L. Barton D.D.
Congregational House
Boston – Mass

Dear Dr Barton:

During a recent ojourn in Chicago while I was guest at Mr Blatchfords we aturally chatted a good deal bout missionary interests in Turkey. I spoke somewhat freely f what seemed to me, the lines along hich our work in the future there as likely to be most successfully arried on. Mr Blatchford urged hat I write out a summary of the iews I expressed to him, and send it to he Board. I have just done so & have mailed it to Mr Blatchford to read with he request that he send it on to you.

ur long experience in Turkey will I
e sure put you somewhat most fully
sympathy with what I have tried to
y in his statement. I have not by any
eans covered the ground, & much stronger
rds are still to be said in support of the
sition I have taken. These will occur
you. With only eleven years experience
mission work in Turkey it may seem
mewhat presumptuous in me to thus venture
opinion on such an important question.
making these suggestions however I have no
ire to appear wise above my missionary
sociates, & I have a growing conviction that I
simply expressed the feelings of an increasingly
ge number of those who are in a better position
judge of the real situation than I am.

I expect to be in Boston sometime before
sail in the latter part of June, when I
e to see You. With very kindest regards

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Brampton Ont.
June 12th 1899.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Congregational House
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr Smith;

Your kind letter of the th inst addressed to Chatham has been orwarded to me here. We are thus far n our way towards Boston & are now isiting relations at this Point. We desire sail from Boston or New York as the oard may elect, if it has any choice in he matter, about the first of July, going direct to Glasgow. We wish to go to Boston in any case as I am anxious talk over with you personally ome matters of importance to the work n Smyrna. Some of Mrs MacLachlan's amily relations living in Boston and icinity are anxious to see her before we

eturn. Her fathers old home was at Marblehead
ell there is still a maiden cousin, a Miss
nna Hooper Adams, a daughter of the late
ev Nehemiah Adams, living in Boston
hom some other friends are anxious that
he should meet.

We have arranged to
isit at Miss Platt's home as we continue
r journey East on Thursday of this
eek. Her Mother lives at Picton Ont
hich is close to our line of travel
as both Miss Platt & her home friends
re very anxious to meet us we will
ave a few days at her home. She is
 arrive home to-morrow evening
will consequently be there when we
rrive, so we can talk over with
er the matter of her outfit referred
in Your note to Mrs McLachlan.
Will write you later as to when we will reach
Boston. Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alex MacLachlan 5+

Brampton, June 12, 1899

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American Coll. Institute.
Smyrna Turkey

August 31st 1899.

Revd Judson Smith DD.
Congregational House
Boston Mass U.S.A.

Dear Dr Smith:

I write now to advise
u of our safe arrival here on
uesday morning the 29th inst. Our
journ of five & six weeks in
olland was a restful & pleasant
perience throughout. We are all in
cellent health and spirits & I am heartily
ad to be back here again at my post.
e have not yet got settled in a
me of our own but hope to do so
thin the next week or ten days.
the meantime I find many matters
out the Institute demanding immediate
tention & Mr Bartlett, who has come

down from the mountains towar
us, & myself are now in consultatio
in regard to the financial situation
especially as it concerns the outstatio
work. I am thoroughly convinced that
unless we have a favorable prospect of
immediate financial aid reported to us
Mr McNaughton as a result of his appeal
in Canada we must at once close
up a considerable portion of our
work in the Outstations. We are now
I understand at the end of our approp
for this year for this work & common
prudence, as well as justice to our
workers - Given justice too I fear they
regard it - demands that we proceed
forthwith to notify a considerable
portion of them at least, that the
Board is no longer able to employ the
services in the work for which the
Board has trained them & to which we

ncer appointed them.

tio As soon as possible I will
ow prepare & forward to you
laborate plans for enlargement
e the Institute. With this enlargement
effected I believe we will be able to
ssume the responsibility for the
ducational work among boys in
outstations. Our plan is to model these
outstation Boys Schools after our own
eparatory Departments in Smyrna
following the same work and requiring
e same Examinations. They would
us become in a manner affiliated
to our Central institution in Smyrna
a become feeders to it. Thus organized
conducted I believe they can be made
ly if not entirely self supporting.
the Within the next few days I hope to
the personally the owner of the
property adjoining us, which we

have been renting for the past five
years, & the outright purchase of
is our first essential step in the
of enlargement. I will keep you
advised as to how our case progress
when the way is clear & I can place the
necessary data in the hands of an
architect I will have a rough outl
of plans prepared & forwarded to
for consideration, in accordance wi
your suggestion when I conversed
with you in Boston. Although I do
not yet see where the necessary fu
for this enlargement are to come fr
I am yet confident that, when our
whole case is presented in definite
concrete form to some probable sour
of help that I have in mind & of
which I spoke to you, very serious
difficulties will be removed.

I expect the other members of

ion Station who are absent
om the summer will be returning
within the next three or four weeks. I
have no news as to the condition
ss Miss Pohl's health but trust she is
ning new strength. Miss Bartlett
ear remains about the same, while
outh Mrs & Mr Caldwell are enjoying
xcellent health in the mountains near
isimish. So far as I am as yet
ill to judge the situation our
prospects for a good opening a month
ence are excellent.
e Mrs MacLachlan joins me in
ondest remembrances to Miss Smith
ther daughters & yourself.

Very Sincerely Yours
Alexander MacLachlan

Rev. Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna, Aug. 31. 1899.

Rec'd Sep. 18.

American Mission

Smyrna Dec 27th 1894

Revd. Judson Smith D.D.
Secy. A.B.C.F.M.
Boston Mass U.S.A.

My Dear Dr Smith:-

I have deferred replying to your kind letter of Sept. 18th until I should be able to report ome definite progress in the way of the furtherance f our plans for enlargement. You will erhaps remember when I showed you a ough sketch of our premises, that I pointed ut the necessity of our acquiring possession f the property adjoining us on the right of ur present buildings, as a necessary preliminary the carrying out of any general plan for enlargement. For the past five years we have leased a part of this property - a dwelling on the front part of it - & paid 200 pounds rent for it, making an annual rental of 40 pounds. The main portion at the back - a large silk cocoon warehouse & portion of lot, adjoining it has been rented to another person at an annual rental of 63 pounds. The owner, a Gregorian

Armenian, and a wealthy man, was naturally not anxious to sell, & this made our chances of securing it - except at its full market value, small. It was essential that we should retain at least the portion we are now using, both for the extra room it now affords us - although this is an old building - and also because it makes our own main building so much more valuable to us for School work - the owner having agreed to our opening windows in our own building on that side, & thus enabling us to use for classrooms on that side of our own building, some rooms which were largely useless on account of their not having sufficient light.

Shortly after my return therefore, I began to negotiate with the owner. His last price for the whole property, was 1500 pounds, the same figure he gave Mr Macnaugh when he approached him last year. I thought it best however not to negotiate with him on a purely business basis, as I saw that his present rental made it a good investment for him. He saw too how valuable the property was to us & there was no use attempting to disguise the fact on our part. I therefore appealed to his generosity - to his sense of appreciation of all the American Board had done & was doing for his nation - the opportunity thus afforded him of extending a helping hand in the good work. The result of my appeal was that he lowered the price to 1200 pounds or as he expressed it, he made a present to the American Board of 300 pounds.

I assured him how highly this gift would be appreciated by the Board, but urged a further concession, with the result that while the nominal purchase price was to remain at 1200 he would make a further cash gift to the Institute of 100 pounds. The one condition of these gifts was that the property was to be used for an extension of our Collegiate work. As the case now stood it required the raising of 1100 pounds in addition to his gift of 100. At this juncture our good friend Joseph Bliss Esq who assisted us in the same way in our last purchase stepped in &, unsolicited, offered us a loan, without interest or security, of 700 pounds. The Institute provided from its own treasury 400 plus the 100 from Mr Arabian, & thus the purchase price, 1200 was provided. The transfer was completed on Saturday, the cost of transfer, some 40 pounds in addition, being also provided from our own treasury. I find that we have thus contributed from our own treas. for this & our last purchase a year and a half ago, in all 3400 dollars. We are therefore rejoicing in substantial progress towards our roposed new Collegiate building & I am glad o this Christmas time to share this good news ith you. While these negotiations have been going n I have been spending all my spare moments thinking and working out plans on a scale adequate not only to our present urgent necessit for increased accommodation but also for our future needs. Our desire i to retain all that is good and permanent of our present buildings & devote these exclusively to our preparatory departments. Our buildings as they stand to-day provide fairly comfortable accommodation for 150 pupils including about 30 boarders. At present however we have 180 in actual attendance, about 40 of whom are boarde and we are obliged to refuse applications. We are indeed quite overcrowded, and with the prestige whic the Institution now enjoys among all the differ communities, I believe it is quite reasonable to expect that if we had suitable accommodations for them, we would have 500 students within five years of our having thus made provision for them. Our Smyrna Mission field has a population of between three and four millions & as this is the only institution of its kind and grade for boys and young men our opportunities for direct missionary work through this agency are practica unlimited. Of our 180 students over 100 are in the Collegiate department, the remainder being in the Preparatory classes. In the Collegiate dept. the great majority of our students are Greeks, while in the Preparatory the Armenians predominate. Our work through this institution will naturally develop more especially along lines for and among the Greeks. We are here pretty nearly in the centre of the Greek world, with perhaps three times as many Greeks in Smyrna itself as there are in Athens.

The main Collegiate building I have planned extends along the back portion of all our property in this block & is meant to provide class-room accommodation for 300 students & dormitories for 100. What will remain of our present building with present dining room & dormitories devoted to classrooms, will provide classroom accommodation for nearly 200 preparatory pupils.

I am sending you by even mail outline copies of plans which will explain themselves. Mr Bliss has kindly placed the services of a civil Engineer in his employ, at my disposal, who is now working out details of general plan. His estimate of the cost of such a building based on the cost at the city in the interior where he is living makes it evident that the cost in Smyrna would be about 8000 pounds. This is a large sum of money but I am not without hope that friends in America who appreciate the value of this important department of missionary service, and the splendid opportunities now opened to us here in connection with this institution, will be willing to provide it. It is especially in accordance with your suggestion, (when I spoke with you in regard to the proposition made when I was in Chicago, that the Y.P.S.C.E of that City and State who are now supporting Mrs MacLachlan & myself, should also get behind this institution & provide for this enlargement) that I am now forwarding these plans & particulars to you as you felt with the other secretaries that if this constituency was to be appealed to, the whole plan should first be presented to the Prudential Committee for formal approval.

Even with the sanction of the Prud Com however, & any prestige which this would naturally add to such an appeal, I confess to serious misgivings as to my ability, at this distance & with all my present pressing cares, to sufficiently interest this large & scattered constituency in this project, to make these plans materialize. I am therefore sending by this same post letters to Mr D. Willis James, & my dear friend, Mr John S. Kennedy of New York with plans same as those I am sending to you. I have stated our case frankly to these gentlemen & pleaded their united help. Pray with us that our necessities may appeal to their sympathy and help. I would like however in any case to have the sanction of the Prud Com. to appeal to the Young people of the Endeavor Societies in Chicago & Ill. after for help for enlargement or other support for the Institute.

ur plan as you will observe puts our proposed new uilding across the back portion of the Kindergarten lot. his is on the understanding with our Kindergarten friends that hey receive a quid pro quo either from the front portion of our acant lot or in rooms in the lower story of the new building.

We are all in fairly good health with the exception of Dr Caldwell who for the past ten days has been confined to his ed threatened with Pneumonia. He seems somewhat better to-day we are hoping that he is now in a fair way to recovery. Christmas holidays begin next week & we will all be glad f the respite ~~that~~ it will afford us. All are well at the Girls School. iss Platt has made an excellent impression & is very popular th in the school & out of it. Miss Bartlett's health is decidedly tronger than when we arrived in the autumn. All schools re in a prosperous condition & we are enjoying a very successful year's work. We rejoice in the measure of success that has thus far attended Mr McLaughlin's efforts to raise funds for the maintenance of our institution work & we trust still greater success awaits him. The last financial report of the condition of the Board in the Missionary Herald encourages us to hope that the tide has at length turned & that permanent relief is at hand. I have written you a long letter, I trust not a tedious one. My apology is that I write only at long intervals, & that the subject of which I have especially written you is of special importance & required stating in detail.

Our united kindest regards to Mrs Smith & yourself.

Very Sincerely Yours

Alexander Macfarlane

Recd Jan 10/86

Dated Dec 27/85

Rev. James P. Mc Naughton
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Smyrna Mar 24th 1890.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your encouraging letter of Jany 15th did us all good. It indicates that the importance of this great field has received your careful thought and that you are convinced of its urgent needs. As I have frequently written the Mission is not likely to regard anything involving considerable expenditure in this field with much favour. I have attended two annual meetings and have heard poor Smyrna pretty carefully discussed but have never heard any argument of weight directed against our reasonable requests. I think you must have been pretty thoroughly convinced two years ago that no good reason existed - except the financial one - why we should not have a boys' school put on such a basis as the importance of this city and needs of the work demand.

I think, too, your visit to our homes convinced you that such an institution should be established. Your good letter gives me some assurance that the financial

If I had time I would rewrite it. I hope you can read it without much trouble. Yours J.P.McN.

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difficulty is not insuperable. Now what remains to bring this matter to a hasty consummation? Nothing so far as I can see but to find the right man. I imagine I hear you say, not so fast! not so fast! I doubt if reasonable men looking back over a history of 50 years of work without a boys' School, worthy the name, would consider me an adventurer or extravagant in this appeal. I firmly believe that if the educational feature of the work in this field had been developed in a degree at all commensurate with its importance there would have been a great saving of money and time. I feel pretty thoroughly ~~convinced~~ assured, with convincing illustrations before me that a good boys' school would long before this be self supporting.

There is in Smyrna a~~n~~ school conducted by an English gentleman which not only pays native assistants their salaries but a man from England ~~with~~ and the director who has a family. There is no reason why a good American institution should not have had a similar history if started at the proper time. It will be very much harder to establish a good school now than it would have been 25 years ago. The reasons are obvious. The natives are establishing very good schools that will be hard to compete without a liberal outlay. and the Roman Catholics have splendid institutions with large staffs of foreign teachers.

I think we might very profitable take a leaf out of the history of Catholicism in this country. Its leaders were wise in seeing that the hope of laying strong and broad foundations for future success lay in the young and acting upon this they at the beginning started good schools. Many illustrations might be given but let me simply mention one. In Aleppo. the christian population is very largely catholic The per cent now holding to the orthodox Armenian & Greek faiths is very small. This change has been largely effected through the schools. Take our own work! Where are the most encouraging & successful points. Marsovan, Harpoot, Marash, Aintab. Cesarea too has had in its station class a powerful factor to make up the loss of a more elaborate school. But I understand that a good part of one American's time has always been devoted to this school.

What can we say of Smyrna? It has a good girls' school, but Dr Smith that was granted

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without the consent of the mission. Has it disappointed the hopes of its founders?

I wish to note too that it was not started until the native schools had attained a point of excellence that bade fair to make its inception a grand failure. It has now between 70 and 80 pupils in regular attendance.

And you will please remember too that this success has been attained under trying circumstances. To establish this fact I need only refer to health of the teachers.

The difficulty of starting and maintaining a boys' school here is increasing every year. I do hope that the Board has decided on a liberal policy for the future. I might urge the need from the Greek stand point. Where will the Greek boys fit themselves for teachers and pastors? I do not think there are many in the mission who feel that Marsovan can supply that need. It does not seem reasonable that Greeks must be sent for their education ~~to a co~~ to a place where they will be altogether out of touch with their nationality. This to me seems unwise especially in case of those who will become preachers. But I need not dwell on that.

A letter recently received from Miss Lawrence informs us that you are soliciting applications for a third missionary to Smyrna.

This is cheering for you must have in view the boys' school.

I have something to present to you in the strictest confidence. It is ~~inted~~ intended, absolutely for no other ears than your own. I write the following to you not as to the Secretary of the American Board but as to a friend. As you are aware Mr. McLachlan of the St. Paul's Institute is an old friend of mine. We took our University and Seminary courses together and were not only class mates all through but for 6 years, nearly, we were room-mates.

His colleague, as you might expect and as most, if not all the missionaries who knew him felt would not long be a satisfactory companion for an American.

I need not go into details but Mr McLachlan after exercising great patience has written to the members of their Committee that unless there be a clear division of the work definitely pointed out he must send in his resignation.

Mr McLachlan's proposal was that he be assigned charge of the school and Mr Jenanyan

school work at the commencement of next year. I know that is how all the teachers feel. Miss Lord is working too hard now and an extra strain at the commencement of next year might ~~to~~ unfit her for the year. Mrs McNaughton joins me in kindest regards to Mrs Smith and yourself. Very sincerely yours. J. P. McNaughton engage in evangelistic work for which he is so well fitted. Mr McLachlan has no sanguine hope that his request will be granted. If not he purposes to forward his resignation. ~~Mr McLachlan~~ He informs me of all his plans as I do him mine and on hearing this I wrote and asked him if he would consider an invitation to our school here if he should sever his connection with the St Paul's Institute. I will quote his reply. Let me first say that I quoted freely from your last letter to him. He writes. "Dr Smith's letter certainly looks most encouraging, and if he could give reasonable assurance that it was the purpose of the Board to thoroughly maintain the boys' School in Smyrna I would be disposed to favourably consider a proposition to identify myself with it. Of course I could not say more than this at the present time, so that if you are writing Dr Smith on the subject it would not do to say more than that and even that much confidentially"

Now if Mr McLachlan would come to Smyrna he would be a great acquisition to the work. You could hardly possibly find a man in all respects so suitable for the School.

I am sure every missionary who has come in contact with him would say the same. If you meet Mrs Montgomery she will be able to give you all the information you can possibly want as to his sterling christian character and general fitness for any department of missionary work. I can assure you of his orthodoxy. He is a Presbyterian and so subscribed to the Westminster Confession which is strict enough to satisfy the most fastidious. As he came out here to engage in educational work, naturally he prefers that to any other, though as an earnest preacher of the gospel he has been very successful wherever he has laboured. During his Seminary course in New York he had charge of the Wilson Mission and it was with the greatest reluctance the congregation accepted his resignation, and indeed ~~since he came~~ recently he has been written to, by to the effect that if for any reason he should see fit to sever his connection with the St. Paul's Institute he would be welcomed back among his old friends at the Wilson Mission.

He has now been about 2 years in the country so would be very much more efficient in the work than a man coming from America. I have written more on this subject than I intended but you will please be patient. I would suggest that you write to Mr McLachlan.

I have little to relate of the work at the present time. I received a telegram from the preacher in Afion Kara Hissar on Tuesday advising me that the government authorities had closed our school. I at once replied. "Cause our school to be opened, I will write to Constantinople" In two days I had a call from a man sent by the pasha to make inquiries about the school so I have little doubt that immediate action will be taken.

Smyrna, March 14, 189

Received: April 5

You inquire about the evangelistic work in Manissa. I am glad to be able to report favourab I thought I had given a report of that department of the work in Manissa. The attendance at the services is good and a good healthy interest is manifest. Six ha been received ~~in~~to church membership during the year. Since I last wrote you the schools have increased sligh in attendance. Latest information gave the aggregate of 4 We hope that Miss Lawrence will feel it her imperative duty to be presen at the commencement of the next school year. Sept. 15. I do not think we can change the date of opening. The interests of the work seem to demand that date. Personally we would very much prefer the 1st of Oct. The question is under consideration. Miss Lawrence will be very much needed at the opening for not only is Miss McCallum going to leave, but our matron who is an American though born and brought up here and exceedingly useful in the work, has intimated her intention of leaving the work at the close of June.

Smyrna Mar 29th/90

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston

Dear Dr Smith:-

A letter from Mr McLachlan received a few days ago confirms what was ~~then~~ suggested in my last letter. The letter received, in answer to his sent to their Board does not grant, what I beleive every missionary, who knows all the cirmcumstances of the case, would feel was a reasonable demand. Indeed I beleive many of the most prudent native pastors feel that Mr Jenanyan should not be hampered with the cares of the school. Not long since our Smyrna pastor, though ignorant of Mr McLachlan's intention, remarked to me that befor long Mr Jenanyan must retire from the school as he is so well fitted for evangelistic work and unfitted for school work. I need say no more on that score. Mr McLachlan has written me that he will resign and will favourably consider an invitation to Smyrna if one were extended.

I need only repeat what I wrote you before that if it is your purpose to send us another

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man you will have difficulty finding one so well suited for our needs. But in case you may think that friendly motives may be prompting me in thus recommending one I love as a brother, let me refer you for references to Dr. Hastings President of Union Theological Seminary New York, and to any of the professors of that institution.

Indeed Dr. Hastings, after hearing that Mr Mc Lachlan was to accompany Mr Jenanyan to Tarsus, invited ~~the Mc Lachlan~~ him, I think, if I remember, to his house and warned him, as if expecting that just what occurred might be expected. He did not think that an American could with any comfort be associated with an Armenian. The late Dr. Hitchcock gave advice to the same effect.

I would also recommend you to write to Revd D Mitchell pastor of the Scotch Church Jersey City, who was Mr Mc Lachlan's pastor in Canada for some years. I might mention the names of all all his professors of Queen's University Kingston Ont. Canada, to Mr Mead to Dr Graham, to Dr Farnsworth who met him last year in Adana. I have no doubt that every one named and many others I could mention would give testimony to Mr Mc Lachlan's fitness for a missionary that would satisfy ~~the~~

the most fastidious. Yet perhaps it would be better if you corresponded first with Mr McLachlan for I am giving all these names without even a suggestion from him.

I am waiting for instructions respecting the division of the Manissa property. No word has as yet been received.

Dr Constantine is slowly recovering. I think he has decided to go to Athens for a change. He does not now expect to attend the Annual Meeting.

Mrs McNaughton and I intend ~~starting~~ on a long tour in about a week. Mrs McNaughton will accompany me as far as Bourdour where she will remain ~~until~~ until I return from Annual Meeting and the closing of the schools when with Miss Lord I will start for Afion Kara Hissar, (taking up Mrs McNaughton on the way) where we propose to spend the Summer.

Mrs McNaughton joins me in kindest regards

Most sincerely yours.

J. P. McNaughton.

Smyrna, March 29, 1890.

Rec'd Apr. 15.

Sparta Aug 11th /90

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston
Dear sir:-

A recent post brought your letters of June 21st and 29th. Miss Lord is now reconciled to remain though it was a great struggle to bring herself to feel that her duty lay on this side of the Atlantic.

Your being able to persuade her friends to urge her to stand at her post has been the means of raising from my shoulders an immense burden. When you meet her mother or sisters I wish you would convey to them an expression of my heartiest thanks and appreciation of any self sacrifice they were called to undergo on account of her decision to remain.

The Peets will recieve a cordial welcome from every missionary in Turkey. I need say nothing of the deep regard in which they are held by all who know them here.

Your reply to my letter of June 11th gives additional encouragement in our hopeful outlook towards the carrying into effect of an energetic policy in the development of this great field. We hope the Prudential Committee can see their way clear to take favourable action, not only in the furter equipment of our boys' school but also in encouraging an extension of the work by authorizing larger outlays in the work of the native agents.

A letter from Miss Page received last week by Miss Lord reports her total recovery. I need not say that this has been good news to us all. Whether she will be able

to stand this climate if she return is a question that must be considered. If indeed her physician could recommend her return it would be a happy solution to the present need in the school.
Miss Lord has informed me of her having written you about Mrs McNaughton's sister coming as a temporary supply till either Miss Page come or a suitable lady be found to accept a permanent appointment.
I do not know if Miss Jillson would come were she invited but I think the idea of a temporary supply a good one. I do not know how you regard the question of sending temporary supplies to the foreign field but I think in this case it would be better to wait a year than to be forced to an appointment that afterwards might prove unsatisfactory.
Miss Lawrence's return will of course relieve the situation but she cannot possibly undertake all the work that should be done if Miss Lord is not to be greatly overworked. Our matron, a very capable young lady is leaving us. Our hope was that Miss Kirtland would take her place. Now if she should do this, and some one must, Miss Lord & Miss Lawrence could not without running serious risk undertake all the work that remains. We do not know anyone on the ground who could help us out.
I understand that Miss Lord after consulting with Mrs McNaught suggested that Miss Jillson would perhaps come out if her travelling expenses were paid by the Board and the Matron's salary £54 (now vacated) were added as remuneration for her year's work. This would ~~be~~ just about amount to the salary you American teacher for one year, or perhaps a little less, and her salary would little more than pay her travelling expenses back home. Whether she or any other suitable

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young woman could be induced to come on those terms is of cours a question. Doubtless Mrs McNaughton being here would be a great inducement to Miss Jillson to accept the invitation.

I believe some such arrangement would be greatly to the advantage of the school and I am sure the health of the teachers need it. I do not think it would be wise to subject Miss Lord a second year to such a burden as she bore this last year.

Mrs McNaughton from Bourdour and I from Smyrna by arrangement managed to arrive here the same day, July 1st. I need not say that after a separation of 12 weeks it was a great pleasure to be together again. We had great cause to thank God who preserved us from dangers and illness.

Mrs McNaughton looked thin and pale, but the baby looked very well indeed. Since that date there has been a great change. Mrs McNaughton now looks very well and is enjoying good health, while the baby is recovering from an attack of illness that has greatly reduced her.

This has been an unhealthy Summer here as it has in many other cities of Asia Minor. Lack of rain and intense heat are largely responsible. Most of our party composed of Misses Lord & Blackler (our Matron) Mr McLachlan. Mr Murry of the Scotch mission to the Jews, & Mr Bain a young Scotchman who teaches in a private school in Smyrna & ourselves, suffered a great deal. The trouble seems to be in the water. Miss Lord felt compelled to leave on that account. This morning she left us for Constantinople.

The work here is encouraging. It is to be greatly regretted that so large a city as this should be without pastor or teacher.

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with many who eagerly listen to the word of light.
About a week ago I visited Bourdour, which is a
18 miles from here. I found pastor & people in a
encouraging and hopeful condition. There is
nothing striking to relate but that steady progr
is being made is beyond question.
I have for some months back been in weekly
correspondence with our pastor in Afion Kara
Hissar respecting ~~our~~ the school in that city.
The Armenian community is determined on the
complete eradication of Protestantism out of their
midst. The government has taken up the matter
and the pasha has several times summoned t
pastor and ordered him to close up the school.
I have insisted on the pastor's keeping the school
open until he is compelled by military force to cl
it. What the issue will be I cannot say but will
anxiously await developments.
I have recently received a letter from Dr Constan
informing me that the Alliance' financial cond
did not warrant him to favour the purchase
of the Manissa property. He advocates divisi
according to the plan submitted last year.
More recently I had word from the Manissa Greek
brethren that they ~~are~~ relations between themselves
and the Armenians ~~are~~ so harmonious and
pleasant that they would be content to work
together in the premises as it now stands unt
they are able to purchase. Now I think this
bears out to your fullest satisfaction what
Mr Bartlett and I have repeatedly wrote you. ~~This~~
Where interest is involved ~~concerned~~ the Armenians are a
very pleasant class of people to get along with
But if it is to the interests of certain parties to
build division walls then the Armenians are

The few brethren are poor in this worlds goods and poor in faith, yet they are very urgent that we send them a pastor.

There is a great desire in the hearts of many to hear the gospel, but they are so completely under priestly control that they dare not come to the services

The first & second Sundays here were full of promise as many as 150 were present at some of the services. The morning of the 3rd Sunday brought together a very small congregation and there has been a regular decrease in numbers ever since.

On that morning the Greek Despot thundered an anathema at us, which was so much waste energy so far as we were concerned, but the anathema was accompanied by a threat which had a powerful effect in intimidating the people.

The Armenians too, are using all their influence to prevent an attendance on our service.

The brethren are suffering severe persecution. The son of one of them was stabbed the other day so severely that a doctor was summoned. We are encouraging them to hold fast.

The young men who do most of the preaching are frequently stoned. They are two promising young fellows whom Mr McLachlan and I are sending to school. We expect they will make good earnest preachers.

Every time we go out we are called names, Stones are frequently thrown after us and sometimes we are spat upon,

Notwithstanding all this we are shown great kindness & many invite us to their homes and vineyards. The opportunities for service are innumerable, and though few now attend our services yet we converse a very disagreeable and annoying people. I am at a loss to know just how to act, but perhaps by the time I return to Smyrna the way will be open. I trust you will write me as to what I am to do with the appropriation voted for division provided that division seems the best thing to do. I need not go into details as I wrote you fully from Constantinople

I am patiently awaiting the Prudential Committee's action respecting our boys' school. Mr McLachlan too is anxious, for his future course of action will be conditioned largely on their ~~decision~~ decision.

Mrs McNaughton joins me in kindest regards

Most sincerely yours,
J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna, Aug. 11, 1890
Rec'd Sept. 2

Constantinople.
May 22nd/90.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

I have time to write just a word but the gravity of our situation in view of the resignation of Miss Lord seems to call for some expression of our perplexity.

Yesterday morning when Miss Lord made the announcement to me I was as nearly speechless as I ever was since I have had use of that faculty. That anything so unexpected and disasterous to the interests of our work should happen at this critical period in ~~our~~ the history of our Girls' school was something for which I had hardly enough grace in store.

My mind is greatly perplexed. I see nothing very encouraging in the future in our girls' school if Miss Lord persists in her present attitude.

To say that there is no one among her associates who can in any fair degree take her place is no reflection on anyone, for I am sure none would be ~~so willing~~ more reluctant to assume the responsibilities of the position than the other members of the faculty. That one of them did the very best she

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could for a temporary shift is no argument in favour of permanently occupying the place.

Miss McCallum is going home. Miss Kirtland fails to fulfil the expectations of those who so kindly sent her to us, and upon all as climax comes Miss Lord's untimely resignation.

I sympathise with Miss Lord in her anxiety for her mother's comfort. To her, I doubt not, duty seems to lie along the line she has chosen but surely something at home can be done to save us in this emergency.

A young woman fresh from America, however capable, could not take her place. Unless one of years and experience in just such work as Miss Lord contemplates resigning can be found, the outlook for our school in face of such opposition and competition as it is now ~~under~~ subjected to is exceedingly dark. I am sure if Mrs Lord appreciated the full gravity of the situation she would not consent to her daughter's giving it up. Miss Lord's quiet firm gentle christian character is a factor in our school's life that it cannot afford to lose. If it were an old established institution it would be different but as it is I cannot look forward to the future with ~~the~~ pleasant~~est~~ anticipations. I have said all I consider wise in attempting to urge Miss Lord to reconsider her resignation but she persistently urges my application to the mission for one to take her place. I know there is no selfish motive in what Miss Lord is doing. Perhaps no one feels more keenly than she the loss to the work and the impossibility to secure one to fit into the place in ~~at~~ a reasonably short time; but yet she feels that the Lord has pointed to duty at home. We here can only pray that grace be given to all of us to see God's will. I do trust that you will be able to convince Mrs Lord that her daughter must stay with us. Surely someone, some friend at home can tenderly and lovingly minister to ~~the~~ her needs, someone who is not occupying a position ~~&~~ upon which so much depends. I do not hesitate to say that at the present time the girls' school is the most influential agency we have in Smyrna. Should its interests be jeapordized?

I will wait with great solicitation to what answer you can make to us after you have had an interview with Mrs Lord and her daughters in Boston. I can write no more at present. The annual Meeting so far has been encouraging and hopeful. Most sincerely yours

J. P. McNaughton

Constantinople, May 22, 1890.

Rec'd June 7.

Bible House.
Constantinople May 17th/90

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

Your letters of March 17th 29th and Apr 15th are now before me. The first defines the relation of Dr Constantine to the Board and to the Smyrna Station. I do not know what occasioned the writing of that letter, but I am exceedingly obliged for it. I always understood that a totally different relation existed.

The letter of Mar 29th brings the good news that our estimates for the division of the Manse property and other necessary repairs have been approved. There is a point in this letter that appeals to me as a just one but to which the Alliance will take exception and I think the Mission will sustain them. You write. "It is understood that the expense of the dividing wall and in the cost of the water-way &c in which the Greek Evangelical Alliance ~~bears~~ has an equal ~~share~~ interest with the Station the alliance bears an equal share with the Station". This was the mind of the Mission respecting the water-way but not respecting the dividing wall. According to Dr Constantine's estimate £40 was sufficient to cover these expenses and he asked the whole from the Board. But in case

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the cost should exceed that sum the Greek Alliance should be responsible for the excess. The mission favoured this proposition.

Your letter of the 15th ult was received yesterday. I think I fully appreciate the position you find yourself in respecting the question of head for our boys' school. While I naturally prefer the appointment of Mr McLachlan, if any appointment be made, the necessities of the case are so urgent that personal preference must not be insisted on. However I still hope the way may be opened for the appointment of Mr McLachlan to our boys' school. I wrote him advising him to make application to the Board. I cannot say what course he will see fit to take. I know a very enticing offer of work in the Willson Mission in New York, is in his hands. It would, in my judgment, be a good acquisition to the mission staff in Turkey if he were appointed to some work in the Empire, I know his fitness for the position of director in a boys' school, for this reason I should like to see his appointment to our school.

I hardly know how I can answer the second part of this letter, ie that in reference to Miss Kirtland I anticipated your inquiries and yet I shrink from the task you impose upon me. I note with particular pleasure that what I may say will be received by you in the strictest confidence.

Perhaps this answer should come from Miss Lord who is in a very much better position of judging the merits of the case and indeed perhaps your writing to me was suggested by a letter Miss Lord wrote her sister with the intent that its contents should in confidence reach your ears. I might cut short by saying—make that information the basis of your future action in the matter but that would not be a respectful answer to your letter.

Miss Kirtland has won the love of us all. She has many qualities that admirably fit her for work in this country. I belive that she has won the confidence and esteem of all the natives who know her. She is genial, affable and kind. She has in many ways showed deep interest in the girls and I belive is doing what she can to help them, But for an advanced school such as the Smyrna School is and where the American ~~teachers~~ ladies must teach the higher branches her education is sadly deficient. While she has a very good voice and sings nicely she evidently knows little about instrumental music. I do not think she is making rapid progress in acquiring the Armenian language but as she is most of the time confined to the school her opportunities for acquiring it are not what they would be if she were more among the natives. The language of the school being English her contact with Armenian girls does not help her much.

We all feel that she is capable of doing much if she

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were associated with a person of some experience in direct missionary work. She seems to know all about house keeping and we sometimes thought that she would make a very suitable associate with Mis Newell. We wondered sometimes if it would be possible to exchange for Miss Jones if Miss Jones is prepared for school work. I think if the ladies in Boston had had an opportunity of judging between Miss Kirtland & Miss Bates they would have give us Miss Bates and sent Miss Kirtland to Hadjin where the demands for the higher studies are perhaps not so pressing.

I hope you will see Miss Lord's letter for I am sure she has stated the case much better than I have for ~~all~~ most of my information comes through Miss Lord. I hope it is clearly understood that Miss Kirtland, while she might do a good work as a missionary, or perhaps teaching in a school where the higher studies are not taught, is not fitted for our Smyrna school.

I arrived on Thursday afternoon completing a tour that occupied over a month. I cannot now say more than that the tour was an inspiration. I shall hope shortly to give you details. I cam to Constantinople overland, spending a few days with the brethren at Broussa.

Very sincerely yours.
Jas. P. McNaughton

Constantinople, May 17, 1890
Filed May 31

Smyrna June 11th /90.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear sir:-

Annual Meeting is over and I am at home once more. Mrs McNaughton's absence makes home rather cheerless. I can now fully understand why the Board is opposed to the sending out of single missionaries. Mrs McNaughton is bravely meeting all the difficulties and annoyances consequent upon a life among those with whom naturally she has little in common. In Bourdour we have a very interesting work among the men but the women have not only not identified themselves with the Protestants but bitterly oppose their husbands and sons who have. The chief reason of Mrs McNaughton's going out to Bourdour and living these months alone with these people is that the women may be reached. I trust our hopes will be largely realized.

My chief purpose in writing this letter is to call your attention to the letter prepared at the Annual Meeting respecting the Smyrna field. I will send a copy of the letter prepared on the type writer. I hope you will find time to give it a very careful perusal as it pretty clearly expresses the convictions of the Mission on the proposed boys' school and the field generally.

It was exceedingly gratifying to me to see the great change in sentiment, in favour of the boys school. There is now no

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objection to its existence on the basis we propose except the financial one. If the permanent occupancy of the field be entertained by the Prudential Committee, that is until such time as we are prepared to pass over the work to the native brethren, I am sure a way will be found to meet the necessary expense to carry on this enterprise.

Now in turning my attention to the letter let me say that as a whole I concurred in it, though there are one or two details that ~~should~~ to my mind should be put in a little different shape.

On page 3 of the letter opposite the mark +. you find these words. "Smyrna Station already receives one fifth of the Mission's whole allowance for general work, a sum actually greater than that assigned to any other station except Constantinople".

Now Dr. Smith I am not going to question the accuracy of this statement. Yet let us look at it. In this amount given to the Smyrna field for general work there is Dr. Constantine's salary of £300. In making the statement above this should be considered. He may be regarded as a native brother but he receives a missionary's salary. If this were included in the salary list and deducted from the appropriations for general work the above statement would not hold. Besides I think it is unfair to make any such comparison unless the comparative cost of work in these several fields is clearly stated. Let me illustrate. In Marsovan and Caesarea high schools for girls. £5. per year covers the expense for board and tuition. Now our charge is just four times that amount ie £20. Our salaries to the native brethren are also, necessarily, very much higher than those of the interior. The next sentence in the letter points out this great difference in salaries "In order to make provision for one new preacher in the Smyrna field, we would have to dismiss two or three preachers in the interior stations" On the same page of the letter opposite the mark o. are these words. "The maintenance of the one proposed school in Smyrna must cost for some years at least, the annual expenditure of a sum larger than the amount now allowed for the whole work of Sivas Station". A little further down on the same page you will find that the sum proposed is £750 including the 3rd missionary's salary, and reckoning his salary at the same amount as Mr Bartlett now receives. £350. This £750 & is considered to be the whole sum necessary for the satisfactory equipment of the school.

In comparing this with the Sivas estimates I think the brethren did not include the missionaries' salaries of that station and in the estimate for the school a salary of £350 is included.

Another thing too, has been overlooked. At the present time we receive £90 for the school. And no account of ~~tuition is~~ income is noted. Now I just turned up the appropriations for 1888 and find that when

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Mr Bartlett had a boarding department the income was £48. And at that time the school was manned only by native teachers. I have the greatest hope that ~~that~~ the income from the school in a very few years will go a long way in paying the salaries of the native assistant teachers. There is an English secular school in existance here for many years. The director, with his family; an English teacher from England, and staff of native teachers have been supported from its income.

Now deducting the salary for the 3rd missionary £350 + the £91 now received and say £50 income and we have a total of £490. £750-490=£260

Besides the Missionary's salary but £260 extra would be needed. And let me say that ~~I think~~ this is much more than either I or Mr Bartlett would think necessary. The amount was fixed by the Committee I afterwards protested but the brethren felt that that sum would be needed.

I have not at all given up hope, that if the Board decide to establish the school, ~~thy~~ my friend Mr McLachlan will receive the appointment of director. During the meeting I received a letter from Mr Bartlett urging the fitness of Mr Chambers. I presented both names to the meeting and while I did not urge action it was just because I had very strong assurance from sentiments freely expressed during the discussion of the question and perhaps by all in private that Mr. McLachlan's appointment would be recommended. In case it should be perhaps Mr Bartlett might think think that I pushed ~~for~~ into prominence Mr McLachlans name. I have recently written to Mr Bartlett to the following effect, presenting the most prominent reasons why the brethren at the meeting ~~see~~ favoured Mr McLachlan's appointment. Where it~~s~~ seems best I will quote the exact words I wrote to Mr Bartlett.

" He (Mr McL.) is a young man who came to Turkey having in view educational work.

Mr Chambers takes up educational work, perhaps as a necessity, and having been so long engaged in the evangelistic work, he might find it hard to accommodate himself to the change. Besides the thought was expressed that as Mr Chambers was so eminently a preacher, it would be too bad to tie him down to a school. Mr McLachlan made such a favourable impression while in Constantinople that all feel that he would be just the man we want. He is in every way fitted for just such work. A very strong sentiment was expressed at the meeting that the Greek element should be emphasised as the field is so largely Greek. It was felt that the missionary in charge should, at least not be an Armenian

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speaking one.* You will see from the letter written to the Prudential through Dr Smith that the Greek side of the question receives ~~stronger~~ more attention than the Armenian. *I think some were prepared to make a motion that Greek should be the language of the 3rd man. I vigorously opposed any such motion, in private of course, as it would have a very bad effect on the Armenians. I think the 3rd man should know Turkish for it can be used by both nationalities while no Greek knows Armenian & very few Armenians know Greek. Turkish is the common language of the field, while Greek is the language in the sea port towns and the islands. Whatever the language I am very strongly impressed with the fact that it should not be Armenian." —

Now Dr Smith I think this last point a very important one. I am trying to look at the question as if Mr McLachlan were not available. I never was more impressed than I am at present that the great work of our field is among the Greeks and not among the Armenians. Of course the Armenians are not in any wise to be neglected and I think the facilities in the school should be as favourable for Armenians as for Greeks yet I cannot forget that the Greek constituency is five times as large as that of the Armenians. If the language of the 3rd missionary is not to be Greek it certainly should not be Armenian. I know Mr Bartlett would differ from me in this, yet I am sure I have the consensus of opinion of the mission. Mr Bowen was sent out here to take charge of a Greek theological Seminary. Mr Stearns to take charge of a Greek boys school. This shows how the matter presented itself to the Mission in past years and I believe the sentiment has not changed. I think I need say no more unless I briefly refer to a matter barely touched upon in the letter Mr McLachlan sent you. ie His appointment would certainly bring part at least of the Canadian funds of the St Paul's Institute to our school. In the present financial difficulties of the Board this is a matter of a good deal of importance.

I have already written you that last year at annual meeting the mission accepted Dr Constantine's offer that if the Mission give him £40 for the building of the dividing wall in Manisa, the Alliance would pay anything in excess of this sum. Now I have forgotten what I wrote you, but I am

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clearly under the impression that I pointed out that for the water way the Alliance would bear half the expense but for the dividing wall, the mission recommended that £40 be paid by the Board and if any more was necessary the alliance would assume it. If I were not as explicit as I should have been it was due to the fact that I expected you would have the minutes of last Annual Meeting at hand to refer to. To the surprise of a good many it was found that no note of this had been officially taken and the item was not in the minutes. I wish you would let me know just what I did write. The matter was referred to the committee on finance. Their report had the effect of bringing the whole question again before the meeting. In the midst of the discussion Mr Bowen arose and said that he had recently visited Manisa and found that the Greeks were ready to buy the whole property and if necessary they would ~~&~~ give £500 for it, that is half of its market value. This met with a good deal of favour for it was felt by some that it was a disgrace to the cause to divide our work by stone walls. The upshot of the matter was that it was recommitted to the finance Committee

Their final recommendation and the one adopted was that after the delegate from Smyrna had interviewed all concerned, if ~~the~~ ~~recomm~~ the Greeks and Armenians should agree on the **matter** the Smyrna delegate should ask permission of Dr Smith to sell the property to the Greek Alliance for £400 on condition that he would permit us to use this £400 in buying a suitable property for the Armenians. I have not yet been able to see all parties concerned so I am not acting in an official capacity in presenting the case to you now.

It was thought that as the property originally cost but £600 it would be asking a great deal to insist on £500.

One thing more. What about Miss Lord's resignation? I do hope it will not be accepted. The telegram from her mother has had no effect in changing her mind. I think she is a little unreasonable. I do not know that I need add to what I have already written. except to say that if Miss Lord goes I cannot see how the school can possibly hold its own even next year. Miss McCallum goes home, Miss Blackler our Matron leaves. Miss Simmons our music + french teacher I think will certainly leave if Miss Lord does. The Armenian teacher goes to America, Not one of these places has yet an applicant and so far very little prospect of having them filled. Miss Lawrence writes that it will be impossible for her to be back before the middle of Oct. Now our staff will be Miss Kirtland, the teacher for the primary school and the Greek teacher. Of course I hope some of these places will be filled up but if they will it must be by strangers. What can we do? Mrs McNaughton cannot again go into the school at least she should not and I do not think she will. If Miss Lord goes, I trust it will only be for a year or two and perhaps a temporary supply might be found. If she ~~[illegible]~~ insists on resigning a person of years and experience should take her place. Where can such a person be found in the course of 2 or 3 months?

We certainly need your prayers and sympathy. Please excuse + any carelessness in this hurriedly written letter. I am very busy.

Most sincerely yours.

J. P. McNaughton

Dr Constantine is in Athens he is much better.

Smyrna, June 11, 1890

Rec'd June 28

Comments on Report of Com'n on Smyrna School

Smyrna Oct 17th/90

Revd Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston.

Dear sir:-

Your letter of the 12th ult received. Both Mr McLachlan and I have been waiting with patience, and perhaps sometimes with a little impatience, for the result of the Prudential Committee's deliberations on the Smyrna question. I could hardly believe, in view of the history of the work of this important field, and its present pressing needs that any other than a favourable answer could follow.

If the existing Prudential Committee, in possession of so much information about the needs of this field, could not see their way clear to take action on the ~~question~~ matter, I am doubtful if a newly installed Committee with all the complicated questions that must of necessity fall to them by inheritance can find the time, for some months at least to so master the details of our situation that they can with intelligence grasp the merits of the case.

However we will not be hopeless but I

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trust that everything possible will be done to expedite matters. I cannot tell you how strongly we feel the importance of a favourable decision. I do not think it will be an easy thing to find a man who is in every way so suitable for the position as Mr McLachlan. This opportunity should be seized. I think he has about made up his mind that unless he is appointed to this work in Smyrna he will return to America. His experiences so far in this country have been anything but pleasant: first in losing his wife, again in his unpleasant relations with his associate. Now unless he be appointed where he will be among long tried friends, the intercessions of his friends at home and a very desirable work ready for his acceptance may decide him to return to America.

Your report on the supply of seats for the Greek Primary department of the girls' school is hailed with delight.

I am very glad to be able to report the arrival of two new pastors. One, Mr Dombalian has now been in Ak Hissar (Thyati about a month and a half. He comes from the Marsovan field. He is a young man with a wife and one child. He graduated from the Theo. Semy 3 years ago. The brethren are delighted with him and his wife. The work is taking a new start and we hope that by his earnestness and enthusiasm he will do something towards reviving the old church and fulfilling the probesy Rev 2:19. I know thy works and charity and service, and faith and thy patience and thy works. and the last to be more than the first

Mr Santekian, in Manisa since Sept 13th is a native of the Harpoot field but has been for the last 5 years in America. He is a graduate of Andover. He with his wife have entered into the work with enthusiasm and intelligence. Mrs McNaughton and I have recently spent a week with each of these families and we were greatly pleased with what we saw of them. However I shall be able after a few months to speak at greater length on their merits.

I have also secured for Afion Kara Hissar a very desirable man from the Marash field or perhaps more properly the Adana field.

He has not as yet left Tarsus (where he has been labouring for some years) but I expect that next week he will be on his way to that important city.

The long annoying troublesome question of the disposal of the Manisa property is now being settled as fast as brick and mortar can ~~be~~ settle it. The Greek brethren cannot purchase the property and are satisfied with a division, so while I was there I gave the job into the hands of a contractor and saw the work well commenced. I intend to take a run out to Manisa to-morrow and see how matters are progressing.

We are disappointed that Miss Jillson is not coming but very happy in the prospect of the new teacher now on her way to us. The burdens are already lifting from our shoulders as we think of the inspiring force of friends now on the ocean and coming to join us.

The schools are now opened with very encouraging numbers for so early a date in the session. In the Kindergarten there are about 60. in the boys' school 40 and in the girls' school 70.

Mrs McNaughton joins me in kindest regards to Mrs Smith and yourself.

Most sincerely yours.

J.P. McNaughton

Smyrna, Oct. 17, 1890
Rec'd Nov. 3

Smyrna May 4th/91.

Revd Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 18th. duly received. We deeply appreciate your kind interest in our plan for the boys' school, but in view of the recent cut down in appropriations it would be useless to carry the case before the Mission again.

The Mission's deliverance of last year would seem to us to warrant your making a special appeal. You will recall that the only objection to the establishing of the school on a broader basis was the fact that the extra expense required would unfavorably affect the regular appropriations. The following is the resolution,- "Resolved - That we request the Prudential Committee to consider the exceptional needs of Smyrna Station field, and if it is deemed

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practicable to make special grants for the more vigorous working of that field which for the term of six years shall not directly or indirectl diminish the funds for general work in our ol stations, that we request that a third mission be designated to Smyrna with special referen to the proposed Boarding School for boys at that

Now if by an extra appeal the sum requir could be obtained, we cannot see that that wo in any way violate either the spirit or letter of t resolution.

I wish to say just a word about Mr. Mc Lachlan's accepting the appointment to Adana. Last year in our correspondence I wrote you th he had advised me that unless he were appoin to Smyrna he would go to America. After accep the appointment to Adana I asked him about what he had written me. I felt I owed you a explanation. He replied that when he wrote me there seemed absolutely no hope that Mr. Mead would receive an associate and that whi he had no serious objections to an appointmen to Adana it had completely dropped out of hi alculations and that Smyrna alone stood between him and America.

While you must be besieged with letters of protest from different parts of the world it is cruel to add one more, and yet I think we owe it to you to point out just how this large retrenchment, if carried out, will affect our work. Our general appropriations for 1891 amount to a little over £. T. 1542. 21% of this sum amounts to £ 324. Dr. Constantine's salary and the appropriation to the girls' school cannot be touched. The appropriation to boys' school and Kindergarten cannot be touched without sacrificing these agencies. Tours were reduced last year and cannot be safely reduced again. Appropriation for Annual Meeting and postage cannot be reduced. Now what remains?

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£ 768.50.

£ 324 is more than 42% of 768.50

21% of Gk Alliance appropriation 148.50 = 31.00

324 - 31 = 293 = reduction we are asked to make exclusive of

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Greek Alliance work.

Now please notice what effect Dr. Constantin
salary being in the general appropiations has upo
the work. It should by all means be among
salaries. It would be an injustice to reduce
it with the other items in the general appro-
priations, and yet see how seriously it affect
Last year the retrenchment was 17½ %. That
meant 52½ £. on the one item of Dr. C's salar
That cut out one pastor's salary.
This year 21 % of 300 = £63 which is more th
the salary we give the Ak Hissar pastor.

Now no other station is called upon to ma
a similar reduction and why should Smyrn
which is perhaps the least able of all the
stations in the Western Turkey Mission?

I do hope that even this year that item
will be transferred to the salary list. If su
a transference should take place it would
in a small degree relieve our embarrassme

The reduction this year of £293 on the

items indicated, would cut out all of the work at all points save Smyrna and part of Manisa. The work in Ak Hissar, Eodemish, Bourdour and Afion Kara Hissar costs the Board £295. This is just two Liras more than the contemplated retrenchment.

If this becomes a necessity then one missionary for general work will be ample for this Field.

It seems to us that in every way it would be better to sacrifice a missionary than so much native work. My salary, for instance, would just meet the need. Now would it not be better to withdraw me, for a time at least, until the Board recover from its present financial stringency?

I am sure that neither Mrs. McNaughton nor I have any desire to leave the work, but I do not quite see how we can conscientiously remain, if by going, the work in general would be saved from so great a calamity.

How can two missionaries justify them-

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selves in remaining, when the sinews of war have to so large an extent been withdrawn, when if we remain so many good men, mos of whom within a year have come to us from long distances, will have to leave the service with little prospect save want before them

I trust the churches and friends of the Board will make an earnest effort to save the work from the great disaster that is now threatening it. If not, would not such a course as I suggested be wise, that the work at this point may not suffer? Perhaps it might seem best to transfer me to a more needy field. There will not be work here for two if the retrenchment take p

Do you think a special appeal would sav us? We are in the deepest anxiety about the fut of the work. On Friday begins our first mixed Station Conference. I cannot tell what the nat brethren will say when they hear the announ ment that probably 4 out of 6 of them wil be dismissed in a few months. How can we say

You are doubtless by this time informe

of the fact that Miss Kirtland has decided to leave the work about the beginning of next year 1892. I do not think the time is definitely settled. We all feel, from what we know of Miss McCallum's state of health before she left us and of what we have learned by letter that it would be a great risk for her to return this year. and as Miss Smith will, in all probability leave the work at the end of the next school year, we feel that an application for a lady to take Miss Kirtland's place should be before you as soon as possible.

To-day Miss Lord received a letter from her sister, who is the present directress of Wellesley College, advising her that if we need a teacher for Smyrna a member of this year's graduating class is preparing for just such work and she heartily recommends her. This seems to us particularly fortunate and timely. Could not correspondence be at once opened with a view to her appointment here? The matter will be presented to the Annual Meeting but there seems no possibility that any objection

will be raised, for it is not a call for an ext
teacher, but simply an application for one
fill the usual compliment of American
teachers in the school.

If Miss Smith should ultimately decid
to remain that would settle the difficulty
for she has give very good satisfaction, but
in case she should not it would be best
have some one in view to take her place.

Most sincerely yours.
James P. McNaughton

May 4, '91

Filed May 25

Smyrna May 22nd/91

Miss A. B. Child
Boston.

Dear Miss Child:-

We are now enjoying a very delightful visit from Miss Borden. In the course of our conversation about the girls' school, I called her attention to a very pressing need that has been presenting itself to us every year since the school was established. I have reference to suitable drinking water.

All the water used is taken from wells sunk on the premises. More than two years ago I had the water from the best well analyzed by an English chemist. He pronounced it unfit for drinking purposes.

Since that time I have been on the look out for an opportunity to purchase a share in the city water. Until within a few weeks I failed, but now a splendid

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opportunity presents itself. A neighbour of ours wishes to sell and being friendly to the school offers it to us £5. less than we can get it from anyone else. Miss Borden joins us all in recognizing the imperative need of suitable drinking water and in regarding this a particularly good opportunity. I spoke to Mr Bartlett on the subject of this purchase before he started for annual meeting and am sure of his cordial support in making the request.

I cannot tell exactly what the price will be as it is by a long process we can arrive at that information in this country; but it will not be likely more than £25. and perhaps £20 will purchase it. Having once purchased water in this country it becomes the property of the buyer just as a house or lot of ground would. £20 or £25 may seem a good deal to pay, but when you remember that there will be no annual expense except a small present to the man who keeps the aqueduct in repair it becomes a very cheap blessing. Besides the purchase money a little more will be necessary to put in piping from the public fountain ~~and~~ to our property, and again as the volume that will come will not be large a cistern will need to be made to preserve the surplus water for washing purposes &c.

You will see an estimate of £30 in our contingent for this purpose i.e. building of a cistern. This is a real necessity but if it cannot be constructed this year we will be patient.

I also desire to call your attention to the fact that the cooking stove of the school kitchen has long since passed the date of its usefulness. In regard to the great law of economy we have had it patched and mended until it does not deserve further attention. Miss Borden fully acquiesces with us in making an appeal for a good modern cooking stove.

Our request more and I am done. Our school yard being lower than the street it is impossible to drain it and

-the consequence is that after every heavy ra
the yard is flooded. This state of things
continues for days at a time. Now that
the health of both teachers & pupils may
protected one of two things is absolutely
necessary. Either raise the present level by
carting in gravel, or make a cess-pool
into which the surface water can run.

The former is by far the best but by far a
the more expensive. I am not prepared to pres
estimates but as the necessity will not present
itself again till next fall, I can ascertain
probable expense and advise you in due tim

In respect to the purchase of the water
I wish you would please send a cable messag
for we will be leaving the city before we can hear
from you by post and besides the seller may
wait. I cannot tell you how much cheer
your good delegate Miss Borden has brough
us. Indeed I may say that I would hardly have the
courage to present these pressing needs were it not for h
kind encouragement. Very truly yours,

J. P. McNaug

P.S. If it seems best we could purchase the cooking stove, through a merchant, here, and although it would be a little more expensive yet he would assume all risks in packing handling & shipping.

Yours
J. P. McK

Constantinople
July 10./91

Rev. J. P. McNaughton.
Rec'd July 23

Revd. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston.

Dear Sir:—

Since writing yesterday's letter I have met Miss Borden. I presented a matter to her which has caused all the members of the Smyrna station a good deal of solicitude. I refer to the fact that Miss Kirtland's resignation was accepted to take effect at the end of June, thus preventing me from advancing to her her summer's salary.

I acted on the principle I understand to be in vogue that when a missionary leaves a field the salary ceases.

Miss Kirtland to all intents and purposes leaves the field when her resignation is accepted.

I can hardly tell you how badly I felt when I told her

I could not advance her an further salary. She accepted the situation in the most Christian like spirit and yet I could not but feel tha an injustice was done her.

In the first place she did not expect her resignation would be accepted to take place at the end of June.

Her purpose in writing was to inform you that she was engaged & that you migh have an opportunity of secu a lady to take her place, when she would give wha might be called her fina resignation.

Of course I know nothin of what she wrote but s told me that she had no thought that her connection with the school would cease at June 30th

I think the action you took a wise one. I do not think she should be officially connected with the school next year, but I think she should have her salary through the summer.

This is nothing more than we do for the native teachers. I think all teachers for Smyrna understand that they are to receive £100 a year. Now Miss Kirtland served for the full school year and is thus entitled to the £100. Her case differs from that of one who is returning to America. If she were going home the Board would pay her travelling expenses to her destination $25-0. Add to this $25-0, her travelling expenses out her which you would not have collected if she were withdrawn, and at least $100 on outfit

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reputation of the Society.
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Miss Borden feels that
should receive her sum
salary and if she was
out under the Eastern B
of the Woman's Board
would recommend that
her salary be paid throug
the summer vacation.

Very truly yours.
J. P. McNaughton

Broussa July 29th/91

Revd Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston.

Dear sir:-

I take the opportunity of enclosing with Mr Bartlett's letter an answer to your favour of the 22nd ult.

I think there are but two points that demand answer:-
The first to express the sincere appreciation of the ladies of the school and the other members of the station to the committee of the Woman's Board and Prudential Committee for the grant for water. Let me say that I learned from a letter received yesterday from Mr Bartlett that the purchase is practically made. I trust that I will be able to present details when I next write.

The second point is the irregularity of my request for the grant. I regret exceedingly that I have transgressed; but I can assure you that at the time of my writing I was assured that the manner of the request was not only regular but was the proper mode of procedure.

Perhaps this explanation may be deemed sufficient

Rev. J. P. McNaughton's
Broussa July 29. '91.
Filed Aug. 25

We have now been here more than a week and have enjoyed ourselves very much. The weath so far has been all that can be desired. The baths and the great natural beauty of the scenery add not a little to the advantages of this place as a Summer resort. Both Mr Crawford an Miss Cull & are doing everything they can to ma our visit pleasant and profitable.

Mr + Mrs Baldwin started on a tour last w and will not return for a month or more.

Our party consists of Misses Lord, Lawrence, + M Mrs McNaughton + babies + myself.

Mr + Mrs Bartlett on account of the presen of Mrs D. J. Bartlett did not leave Smyrna. Mrs Lyman's Bartlett's health too did not warra their going a distance from competent medical help. However they now think of going to Boud a small town about 6 miles from Smyrna.

I suppose you are kept informed of Dr Constantine's condition. A letter from Mrs Constantin received last week advises me that they have move to the north of England that Dr C. might have the benefit of sulphur baths. His physician gives the a good deal of encouragement. We are praying that he m soon be restored to his work. It is a great misfortune to lose even for a time such a useful member of the statio Mrs McNaughton joins in kindest regards to Mrs Smith yourself.

Very sincerely yours. J. P. McNaugh

Bourdour Sept 19th/91.

Revd Judson Smith. D.D.
Boston,

Dear sir:-

Until this date a favourable opportunity of answering your last letters has not presented itself and even now I must write amid a distracting variety of work. I am visiting every day, preaching every second night, preparing plans for a ~~ne~~ building here, ~~and~~ directing operations respecting the proposed building and all this amid the harrowing uncertainty as to whether our money for the building will hold out. I do not think you would consider $900, an extravagant sum to spend on a building in a city of 25000 inhabitants especially as a large room, 18×24 is to be set apart for educational and religious purposes. We have barely $600. The question of the remaining $300 is before us. Either we must economize to the injury of the building or incur a debt.

The brethren are doing nobly. Their enthusiasm is inspiring. I am surrounded by them every day they are so interested in the contemplated building. You are aware that

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Mr Bartlett purchased a lot here last Winter with funds received from friends. This property is in every respect just what is needed. After the building of the house ample room will be left for a church edifice when that is needed.

Yesterday the brethren came to me to consult about the proposed building. I informed them that I had the plans completed and was ready to measure out the portion for the house. This was impossible as the lot was under a 10 years growth of grape vines. I said to them—go home and bring axes and saws and we will all go to work and clear away the vines.

Now these men are not labourers and although poor there is not one of them who would like to be considered a common work man, however they enthusiastically took up the idea and away they went. In an hour they returned with a strange variety of tools of destruction. We marched to the vineyard, but before beginning operations we bared our heads and asked God's blessing upon the work we were about to begin and in faith consecrated the contemplated building to His service. Then having indicated how much ground must be cleared we all went to work with a will and soon had a large space cleared. The tool given me was a saw which answered admirably for cutting the vines.

After this was done I carefully measured the dimensions of the proposed building according to the plan prepared. ~~After~~ When all this was done I can assure you that I was a strange looking missionary, covered from head to foot with dust.

The pastor's wife in the meantime, in one corner of the vineyard was preparing a dinner for us. Before eating we had a wash and a brush off which was very refreshing. Now please do not imagine a table beautifully spread with silver and china. A couple of pieces of carpet spread on the ground and in the centre two large copper trays heaping full, the one with pilaf (i sounded ē) the other with stewed meat and generous quantities of bread composed a very inviting table to a hungry man. There was not a plate nor a knife on the table. We had spoons and a few forks but no one person had both. We squatted cross legged (which by the way is disasterous to well fitting pants) and made as compact a circle as human beings could make. I need not enlarge on what followed, your imagination can supply details. Everything was finished before the evening service. We went from our work to an upper room where were assembled a very interesting congregation and again "praised God from whom all blessing flow."

The brethren are delighted with their little property. After the severest persecutions and trials they see their hopes one by one realized. They will soon be released from renting their place of worship and enter their own modest home.

I wonder if there are not a few men in America who would make up the $300 so much needed to ~~make~~ complete a substantial building. I can assure you that it is a case where there can be no doubt about the need. Perhaps you would hand this poor letter to a friend or two and let it speak for itself.

I left Broussa, where we spent five weeks of the hottest weather, on the 24th of Aug. and started for Afion Kara Hissar, five days journey by wagon. I left Misses Lord, Lawrence, Smith and Miss McNaughton in the kind care of Mr Crawford. My purpose in visiting Afion K. Hissar at this time was to look into the cause of a misunderstanding that arose between the pastor and teacher. I am glad to say that a little firm, kind treatment restored peace

and I trust good will.
The work in Afion Kara Hissar is somewhat encouraging. We have great hope that under the present pastor a good work will be accomplished. He is an earnest christian worker and there are already evidences of an opening work. I remained in A. K. Hissar the most of two weeks and taking the pastor with me we came here. I have now been in Bourdour two weeks and am encouraged with the outlook. The pastor is a saint and the result is the brethren are exceptionally good christians. The work received quite an impulse in the marriage of one of the brethren to a daughter of one of the wealthiest and most influential Greeks in the city. This Greek is not a Protestant but very friendly, and while he ~~cannot~~ will not become a Protestant he is quite willing that his daughter should, and remarks that he sees very plainly that if his

daughter is to marry a good man she must take a Protestant. This is rather a sad reflection on the morals of the young men of the Greek church."

I intended to visit Sparta which is only 9 hours distant from here but as the small pox is bad there at present I have decided to postpone my visit. The same loathsome malady is raging here. I am exposed every day. At every service we have men come from homes where there is one or more cases. I have been in two houses since I came here where cases of small pox exist. The people are so careless that they take no precaution and give no warning. All we can do is to go on with our work and trust the Lord.

We were visiting the house of one of the brethren the other day and after coming out we were cordially invited by the lady next door to call on her. The pastor replied "we will call some other day". Now there was no apparent reason for refusing this kind invitation and every reason for accepting it. We afterward learned that when we were invited there was a young man at the point of death in that house. His whole body was covered with small pox ulcers. The house is composed of but one room, so if we had accepted that invitation we would have been ushered into the presence of that young man.

Who says that God does not take peculiar care of His children?

I expect to return home next week.

In ~~your~~ reply to ~~my~~ your letter asking about my thought of returning to America let me say that I sent you a long letter showing why I should be recalled at least for a time but as that step does not for the present seem necessary I need say nothing further about it. I thank you most heartily for your kind words of confidence. In respect to your letter authorizing us to open the boys' school I hardly know what to say. It carried with it more joy and cheer than words can express

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I trust that the opening of this school will mark a new era in our work. I cannot tell you how I feel towards you for your great interest in our work and in ourselves, for the great patience and forbearance you exercised and the hope you inspired when we were almost discouraged. A load has been lifted from our shoulders. We accept the new responsibility with joy and will do all in our power to make the school a success from the very beginning. Mr Bartlett has written me that Mr Mc Lachlan is on his way to Smyrna and the school will be opened on the 28th inst. Amid all this joy there are ~~one~~ dark clouds hovering above us. Mrs Bartletts health, notwithstanding her own hope, is a cause of anxious solicitation. I do not think she can last many months. Mr Bartlett is just beginning to realize what was evident to us for months. In writing to the Bartletts please do not mention anything about this until you hear from themselves. The last reports from Dr Constantine are of the most discouraging nature. It would seem that his physician has now little hopes of his recovery. If the worst is realized it will be a serious blow to our work. Our prayers have been continuous for his recovery but it seems the Lord's will is otherwise. However we will pray on. Mrs McNaughton sends love to Mrs Smith. I am very truly yours, J. P. McNaughton

Broussa, Sept. 19-1891
Rec'd Oct. 20

Smyrna Oct 10th/91.

Revd Judson Smith. D.D.
Boston,

Dear sir:-

Our schools have opened hopefully. There are already in the boys' school over 40, and applications are coming in every day.

The girls' school promises to be as full as last year and perhaps fuller.

We have the city water now on the premises. For this inestimable blessing we would express to you and to the ladies of the Woman's Board our sincere appreciation.

Another need for the girls' school has been pressing for two years.

Our present equipment for the teaching of instrumental music is by no means equal to the demand. Another piano is indispensable. Last year we were able, after great pains to rent a very inferior instrument and for it we had to pay £1. per month. At this rate you see, four or five years' rent would purchase a good piano. This year though we did what we could to find one for hire we utterly failed to find one worth taking into the school. It is against all custom to rent pianos here, and none but the very worst and at a high rate can be obtained. After careful consultation ~~with~~ the station unanimously concluded that it would in every way be for the best interests of the school and in the end more economic for the Woman's Board if the ladies could afford us a new instrument.

If they can kindly come to our aid in this matter we would impress upon them the urgency of the case. It is needed immediately. The girls are waiting.
The instruments to be found here for sale are European. I think exclusively German, and are an inferior grade. If one of Mason and Hamlin's upright instruments were sent it would be just what is needed.

Most sincerely yours.

J. P. McNaughton.

Smyrna, Oct. 10. 1891
Rec'd Nov. 3

Ak Hissar Oct 23rd/91.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston

Dear sir:-

Mrs McNaughton our little ones and I arrived here on Tuesday. We left Smyrna on Saturday the 17th inst with Mr Brooks of Constantinople, Mr Murray of the Scotch mission to the Jews, Miss Lawrence, the Greek pastor of Smyrna and 13 or 14 of the Greek brethren. We were bound for Manisa to attend the dedication of the new church erected by the Greek brethren of that place.

Without saying a word about our pleasant journey nor about the kind hospitality of the pastors and brethren of Manisa let me as briefly as possible tell you a little about the new church and the dedicatory services. ~~You will recall that~~ the old mission property at Manisa was divided last year to more conveniently meet the needs of both Greeks and Armenians. Since this change was affected we have had harmony and peace and a fair degree of cooperation. At the time of the division the Greek Alliance promised to build a chapel and nobly have they fulfilled their promise.

Without even the inspiring presence and counsel of Dr Constantine who was then lying ill.

the pastor and brethren went to work in th
most commendable way and built an
exceedingly pretty little church.

From an architectural stand point it i
simple being a rectangular building.
Its dimensions are 50 X 30 ft From floor to ceili
18 feet The platform, three steps high is
about 10 X 12 ft. It is furnished by a beautiful lit
pulpit and three chairs in walnut. The pulpit
with two of the chairs are from America and are the gift of a former
missionary of Marsova, Mr Crawford now of
Broussa.

The walls are white and ornamented with cornices
of plaster of paris in tasteful design. The ceiling, also
white, is ornamented with imitation of grapevines
in the corners and down the centre is a row of
three medallions of plaster of paris from which
will hang as many lamps.

The church is well lighted by ten windo
hung by long dark coloured curtains which
give the building a very home like
appearance.

The main entrance is approached by seven
steps of polished marble and before the chur
is a space of about 20 X 30 ft covered with
cement in squares of dark blue and white
in imitation of marble. Over this are arranged

in graceful order several large pots in which are planted flowers, lemon trees and orange trees. The basement of the building is composed of several compartments one of which will be used as a lecture room.

The whole edifice and surroundings present an appearance of simplicity, comfort, beauty and exquisite taste.

"The pastor and brethren deserve the greatest credit for the work they have so well accomplished. It was a work of sacrifice and love. Mostly all the work was done by the brethren among whom are some first class tradesmen. By doing the work themselves they were able to economize and by labouring 14 and 16 hours a day they rapidly pushed on the work to completion. They have given nobly ~~to~~ of their means yet have made provision for friends to participate in the privilege of having some part in the erection of so useful and needful a building. A debt of a few hundred dollars rests on the church and any gifts toward the liquidating of this debt will be most gratefully received.

This debt is especially felt on account of their recent irreparable loss in the death of Dr Constantine who, had he lived would doubtless have found means of clearing away the debt."

I have written so much in description of the chapel that I must not try your patience with elaborate details of the Sunday exercises. The dedication service took place at 10. A.M. The seating capacity of the building was tried to its utmost. Over 300 were present.

On the platform were, Mr Brooks, Mr Murray, the Greek pastor from Smyrna, the Armenian and Greek pastors from Manisa, Mr Kompouropolos, brother of Greek pastor of Manisa, a graduate of Andover, Mr Bo the Greek teacher in our Smyrna boys' school and myself. Mr Brooks delivered the dedicatory addre which was as I learned from those who understood a very able discourse and delivered in faultless Greek. In all five addresses were given and although the service lasted nearly 3 hours the congregation gave almost undivided attention. In the afternoon Mr Kompouropolos, brother of the pastor preached an able sermon from the text "I am the vine and ye are the branches" &c. The communion of the Lord's Supper observed during the beautiful twilight hour closed an exceedingly profitable and pleasant day that none of us shall ever forget.

Since my last communication to you, word of the death of Dr Constantine reached us. It was a hard blow to the station but a particularly hard shock to the members of the Greek Alliance. However hard it may seem to see God's will in the removal of such an enthusiastic and useful worker still we must believe that in some way it will contribute to God's glory.

As Mr Bartlett is to write what may be termed a station letter I need say nothing more about our departed and lamented brother and fellow worker. We observed a memorial service in the girls' school of which he was a trustee, then on Sunday a union memorial service in the church.

The members of the Alliance though cast down are not discouraged. They propose to elect from among themselves a president but have decided to postpone action till the arrival of Mrs Constantine ~~of~~ who may have Dr Constantin wishes in that particular to communicate.

A delegate, in the person of the Manisa pastor, came to me and we discussed the situation somewhat in detail but have decided to await Mrs Constantine's coming.

One thing seems perfectly clear, namely that the Alliance will need more financial aid from the Board. I was asked if I thought the Board will be willing to grant outright

the salary of the pastor who may happen
settled in Smyrna. This to be over and abov
the £180 now received from the Board. I rep
that I did not think the Board would gra
a lump sum in that way, but I was inclu
to think that if they presented their estim
in the regular way (which they never have before) th
the Board would grant them further aid i
the funds were available. You are aware that
the moneys expended by the Alliance came f
a variety of sources and just how much the
brethren contributed I have never been able to
ascertain. Now the difficulty is this. The fu
Dr Constantine was able to contribute from his
resources & from friends in America will be no
longer available. The pressing need will be to
that lack. However the matter will come up
again when I will write ~~fuller~~ more fully.
I wish to know if Dr Constantine's salary i
to cease at the date of his death or can his
widow draw his salary till the end of the
year.?

Mrs Bartlett is keeping up wonderful
but I think she is gradually sinking.
The other members of the circle are well. Mr Mc
Lachlan has entered his new work with great
enthusiasm. There are now nearly 50 students in
attendance and applications are still coming in
Mrs McNaughton joins me in kindest regards
Very sincerely yours, J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna Oct 31st/91.

Revd Judson Smith. D.D
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

Your letter of the 12th inst received. My absence from Smyrna at the opening of the Greek evangelical church at Manisa, and a visit of a week at Ak Hissar delayed an earlier answer to your letter.

I had an interview with several members of the station respecting the question you raise concerning Miss Kirtland. An interview with Miss Kirtland herself practically settles the question.

She wishes to be releaved from all school duties at the end of this year and asks her salary only till Dec 31st/91.

This raises the question again of one to take her place. You will fully appreciate

how important and urgent the matter becom
in the light of this development
She expects to marry about the 9th or 10th of
February, I suppose she needs some time for
preparation

It is desirable that the new teacher should
be a practical house keeper so that she might be abl
to do the matron's work. It seems too bad that
such an experienced teacher as Miss Lawrence shou
be compelled to give so much valuable time to that
department. For this reason only, Miss Rawlings
seemed preferable to Miss Hawes. However if
Miss Rawlings is not available by all mea
let us have Miss Hawes.

Would you kindly hand the enclosed
note to Mr Swett.

Very sincerely yours.
J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna Oct. 31, '96
Rec'd Nov. 23.

Smyrna Jany 8th/92

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear sir:-

Your last letter was duly received: We are glad that immediate steps are being taken to supply Miss Kirtlands place. A successor cannot too speedily be found. Both Miss Lord and Miss Lawrence are very much worn and if an extra burden be imposed upon them it will be very unwise.

Our station this year in a very peculiar way needs the prayers of the American friends.

The death of Dr Constantine is a loss to the work that cannot easily be supplied And now in the death of Mrs Bartlett the station has been deprived of a labourer of exceptional faith and energy and the work of an able missionary.

The chief characteristics of the life of Mrs Bartlett were her strong active faith and self-forgetfulness

Hers was not a faith that indolently threw all responsibility upon God and aimlessly awaited results. It wa rather the appeal for Divine wisdom and help in accomplishing the work that God gave her to do. After prayer she put into the realization of the answer an energy of purpose and an unflinching perseverance that God delighteth to honour.

Though never free from pain yet her life was full of rich service.

She possessed a will power that knew no shrinking from ordinary difficulties

She took to her bed only when the poor pain-wracked body refused to respond to the will.

Her self-forgetfulness was remarkable especially if the interests of the work

were ~~unf~~ involved
When I arrived here four years ago I found her in bed. We all felt that she would never rise. Indeed she herself shared the conviction yet she urged her husband to take an extended tour in the interior though as she afterwards informed us she never expected to see him again.
Though the last weeks of her suffering were indescribable, yet no murmur escaped her lips; and even when the pain was bitterest and the strength almost gone she never ceased to think more for the comfort of those about her than for herself. A will so strong, a faith so active and a zeal so intense are rarely combined in one life. I believe we all learned rich lessons at her bed-side.
She will be greatly missed. She was a tower of strength in the work. The loss to her husband and daughter cannot be realized

While we all deeply miss her inspirin
presence we would especially plea
for your prayers in behalf of the
bereaved husband and daughter.
They have been most wonderfully
sustained by the divine grace so abund
vouchsafed to them, all through her
suffering, and especially since
her death.

Smyrna Jan. 8-1892
Rec'd Jan. 23-

Miss Lawrence will write you a let
giving in detail the plans of the
Greek Alliance for future work.

Very sincerely yours.
J. R. McNaughton

Guzneh Aug 10th/92

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:

It is some time since I wrote you. Mr McLachlan and Mr Bartlett have kept you fully informed of all that transpired in the Smyrna Station for some time. After the death of Mrs Bartlett and the recovery of our children early in the Spring we returned to Manisa. Until we left for our Summer vacation I was very busy indeed. All my correspondence was sadly neglected. Besides conducting two and sometimes three Turkish services weekly, I had to prepare the Annual Report, the sermon for annual meeting besides the Semi annual accounts.

I am very glad to report that the work in Manisa among the Armenians is encouraging. Mrs McNaughton and I have visited among them and have been very kind received. We have as assistant an Armenian from Marash. He is neither a College nor Semina graduate but is an earnest worker.

We engaged a house in Matta, the Armenian quarter of the city where we conduct ~~one~~ weekly a one Sabbath service. The attendance began with abo a half dozen but in a short time the room in which we preached became altogether too smal and as the weather was pleasant we removed th seats and organ outside, hung ~~son~~ lanterns in th trees and carried on our work in the little yard before the house. We have had as many as 100 present. The audience was composed of all sorts & con of men from the earnest listener to the rowdy whose only purpose was to disturb the services, bu what with moral suasion and occasionally phys suasion we were generally able to maintain fair o At this service I never ventured to preach as it required a man with Turkish as his mother tongue to interest and keep the attention of the various elements that composed the thron We also carry on a Sabbath service in another quarter of the city commonly known as the Upper Village. In this part of the city we have quite a few sympathizers and two or perhaps three families who now have the courage to proclaim themselves Protestants. The audiences are small rarely numbering more than 14 or 15. but from the persecution endured we feel that a strong influence is at work tending in an evangelical direction.

Until the very hot weather we maintained ~~two~~ three services every Sabbath in the Konack. Latterly we dropped one of these. Thus you see we held five services every Sunday and one during the week. It is our purpose to spend next year in Manisa. Since Mr McLachlan has come to Smyrna we have been able to do more outside work & hope in the future to give our strength in developing the outstations of the Smyrna field.

The granting of the £T. 2000 for the purchase of the building for the Boys' School was certainly a rebuke to my faith. I cannot express what a deep sense of humility and thankfulness possessed us as we heard the good news. And I am sure, from a human standpoint, we have to thank

you more than any other person for this happ
realization of our hopes and prayers.

We have now a building that for its purp
cannot be surpassed, except by the Armenian
school, in the part of the city in which it is
situated. Mr McLachlan, as you are doubtless
aware, is now overseeing some alterations and repairs
that will make its use more practicable as a
school building.

During our stay in Marwsa Mrs M
Naughton's health suffered severely, so mu
so that we applied to the mission for permissi
to go to Scotland for the Summer. Our req
was granted but when the time came to
leave we could not find a vessel going
direct to England and as the sea voya
was what was needed perhaps as mu
anything and as an overland trip was m
more than we could afford we accepted t
kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Mead to spend t
Summer with them in there pleasant mou

home here. I am glad to say that Mrs McNaughton is better and so are the children. We are going to try and remain here a little later than usual so as not to be exposed to the extreme heat of the early weeks of September in Manila.

Miss Smith has recently left for America. I can assure you that she will be very greatly missed. She has proved herself an exceptionally capable young woman and gives great promise for the future. It is a great pity if she is permanently lost to the foreign service.

We are looking forward to Miss Damon's coming with pleasant anticipations and we trust that she will not arrive one day late as it is not at all likely that Miss McCallum, on account of her sister's illness, can be at hand by October first.

We regretted that we could not see our way clear to invite Miss Zimmer to

Rev. J. P. McNaughton
Smyrna, Aug. 10, '92
Filed Sep. 8.

our school but on account of the represent
made by the Cesarea brethren we felt th
her services might be more valuable somewhe
else and perhaps in a different kind of work

It was a great disappointment
to all of us that you were prevented b
illness from making your contemplated
visit to Turkey this year. We rememb
your visit of three years ago with grea
pleasure. I believe every foreign missi
feels that it would be very greatly to
the interests of the work and certain
to the happiness of the missionaries if t
secretaries could make regular perio
visits to the foreign field. It is one thi
to know a field and its needs through
correspondence but quite a different
thing to know it by being present a
seeing the reality as it exists.

Mrs. McNaughton joins me in
heartiest salutations

Very sincerely yours
J. P. McNaughton

Manisa Jan. 27th. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith D. D.

Boston,

Dear sir:-

A recent communication from Mr Peet, announcing the financial situation of the present year would have brought consternation to us were it not for the hope that when the disasterous effect upon the work of such a reduction is made known to the supporters of this glorious caus they will rally to the rescue.

It is therefore with no thought of complaint or criticism that we present to you our present plight. For we feel that if you have in hand some statement of our financial embarrassment you can appeal with more confidence to the constituents of the Board.

Whatever difference of opinion may exist among the friends of the Board as to its organization and internal working, we are sure of the utmost unanimity in the desire to support the cause of the Lord against the mighty and to uphold those commissioned by the Board to be its agents in carrying th the gospel of truth and love to the perishing millions beyond.

Confident in such a feeling we present to you and through you to the churches the effect of the present reduction if carried out.

The reduction on last year's appropriations, for the Smyrna station, including contingents, amounts to $1341.47.

This applied to the Native Agency would close up the whole work in the field[not including the Greek Alliance] except one outstation.

This reduction if applied to the Greek Alliance, which is doing such a noble work, would financially wreck the enterprise.

It amounts to more than the whole appropriation to the Smyrna Girls'

Boarding School. It amounts to nearly the whole appropriation to the Boys' Boarding School. It covers more than the combined appropriations for Tours, Annual Meeting, Postage, Kindergarten, Education in general and Rents.

From this brief statement you can see that the effect of such a retrenchment is nothing short of disaster. The reductions from time to time have so straightened us in all departments of the work that further retrenchment means death to one or more of ~~these~~ departments.

The leading of Providence would indicate that we should advance, for there are large cities awaiting our entrance and points now occupied are retarded in their development because we have not the means to fortify them. The proposed reduction if actually carried into effect would surely mean that the friends of the Board are calling a halt in the onward march to victory. Such a step, the consequences of which if actually appreciated, cannot surely for a moment be seriously contemplated.

Could we not distribute the reduction so that each department could bear a share without serious harm, is a question that might reasonably be asked.

Native agency can bear no share without the dismissal of one or more pastors. That means unfair treatment of them because the appropriations for the year arrive so late, that we are unable to give them warning in time to afford opportunity of making other provision for their families. Besides, the compulsory retirement of a pastor discourages the infant congregation and tends to foster discredit in the minds of the friends of the work in this country as to the intentions of the Board, and is a cause for exultation and gratification to the enemies of the evangelical cause.

The appropriation for tours cannot possibly bear a share, for, of the **usual** appropriation of £75. only $25, are in the regular list. This isbearly sufficient to cover the expenses of one tour among the outstations during the year, which means a serious loss to the outside work.

IN this great field there are but four schools outside of Smyrna. We have been waiting for years in the hope that we might be able to open several others but so far have been unable. I do not think, anyone, would expect that even part of the reduction should be applied to a department already so weak.

Instructions from Boston forbid a reduction on the appropriation to the Girls' Boarding School, to which we heartily agree, for the school is now carried on under economic pressure.

On account of the success of the Boys' School, it might bear its share, but we are desirous of reducing and even clearing off the $1000 so generously given by the Board for the last two years for the establishment of that enterprise in the great city of Smyrna.

I do not think that anything further on our financial condition need be said. The statement made is sufficient to show the disasterous effect upon the work in this very important field. such a reduction would have.

On the 18th of this month the Greek Alliance held their annual meeting. It was an occasion of great joy; for while there were features of the work that caused great anxiety the outlook was most encouraging.

The death of the pastor at Baindir was a blow to the work there and the opposition of the government to the completion of the new buildings under erection in Ordoo has caused a suspension of the regular work among the Greeks at that point, Doubtless you are advised of the details of this very trying experience through Mr Parmelee.

Mr Edward Riggs of Marsovan was present at the Alliance meeting and also at the ordination of the pastor of the Smyrna church, who arrived last August, from Greece. His presence added very greatly to the interest of both occasions and we feel that he left us much encouraged with the prospects of the Greek work through this part of Turkey.

I am very glad to report that the pastor, so recently ordained, is proving a man of power in Smyrna and we all feel that he came to this work as the answer to earnest prayer.

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. McNaughto

Lyman Bartlett

Alexander MacLach

Rec'd March 4

Manisa Mar. 22nd/93.

Revd Judson Smith. D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr Smith:-

It is very pleasing to know that the teaching staff of the Smyrna Girls' School is soon to be reinforced by the ~~by the~~ arrival of a lady from America. We have hardly had time to congratulate eachother on this good piece of news, when the announcement is received that Miss Lord must sever her connection with the school and work at the end of this school year.

We can regard this only as a calamity. The school under the strong mental and spiritual influence of Miss Lord is fast winning for itself a very enviable record. This is in many respects the best year the school has seen since I came to Turkey.

I think a strong effort should be mad to retain Miss Lord's name in connection with the school in the hope that befor many years the way might be opened for her return to a work for which she is s eminently fitted and which she so intensely loves.

The immediate object of my writing at this time is to advise you that if Miss Lord's salary is cut off on the day of he departure she will arrive home in a ver straightened condition. I know that sh has not been able to save anything. Some time ago she spoke to me on this subject suggesting that as she taught the full year was she not entitled to a full year's salary. I replied that I thoug the custom was that salaries were stop on the day of departure but, I thought i very probable that if her case were broug before you some consideration might be made. I have since spoken to her on th subject but her extreme modesty asserted itself and she asked me not to write you. But on thinking over the subject and foreseeing her great embarrassment on arriving in America, I determined to bring her case before you. When her 9 or 10 years of *exceptionally faithful service* is taken into consideration the granting of three months salary on her retiring from service is a small matter. It is simply the vacation salary which, I think, is usually granted teachers in America.

I need not urge the case. It is enough simply to suggest it. Whatever action is taken let it be perfectly private as Miss Lord feels extremely delicate on this point.

Our hearts were greatly cheered on receiving from Mr Peet, last week, information that the regular estimates are fully made up. What a burden has rolled away! Somehow I felt the gracious Father would provide and so we have not dismissed a single pastor or teacher. We have not even announced to them the fact of the reduction.

On the 26th of February Mrs McNaughte gave birth to a daughter, We have now three girls. You see Dr Smith there is o the field a considerable force to ~~the~~ provide for the future contingencie of the work. The securing of female missionaries seems one of the great difficult of the Prudential Committee, We are certainly doing our share in lessening that difficult Both mother and babe are very well.

I am glad to be able to report progress in Man At a recent Communion service we received two heads of families into the church and I feel that at least three more are now prepared t take a similar step. The material now coming forward is of a very much better quality tha composed former accessions. We are longi for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for th are many in the Armenian Community alm persuaded. Mrs McNaughton joins in best wish

L. P. McNaughton

Constantinople
May 30th/93.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

On account of the extraordinary burdens borne by Miss Nellie Bartlett for the last two years, she has become greatly reduced in strength, and nothing but a total relief from all care and work, for a few months can save her from greatly endangering her health. This rest is also needed that she may recuperate her strength for the needs of the coming school year that will present themselves to her in household cares, the ordinary oversight and direction of the Kindergarten and the charge of a normal training class.

Mr Bartlett, too, during the same period of time has passed through experiences that have so reduced his nervous strength that a short rest is very greatly needed.

Miss Lawrence of the Smyrna Girls' School, on account of excessive burdens due to deficiency in the American complement of teachers for the last three years now stands in need of rest and change.

In view of these facts the station requests permission for Mr Bartlett and Misses Bartlett and Lawrence to spend the Summer vacation in Europe, and further that a grant of £20 each be made to partially defray the expenses that must necessarily be involved in the carrying out of this plan.

As they contemplate leaving Smyrna about July 1st would you please cable the two words "Bartlett, accepted."

Very sincerely yours.
James P. McNaughton

The above letter has rec'd the hearty indorsement of our Ann. Meeting now in session

W. S. Dodd. Chairman
L. S. Crawford Secy.

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Mr [illegible]

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr Smith:-

Mr Bartlett on the ve of his departure for Europe, handed me your letter of inquiry about the Bowen House

I should have answered our letter earlier but part of the time since I received it I ave been very busy and part the time I have been laid p with rather a severe attack malarial fever.

As far as I can learn, on Mr Bowen's departure the ladies and chool took possession of the house. t seems that the Woman's Board ecognized the necessity of the house to their work as they made a grant of £T 40 I believe, to help the ladies here to furnish part of it. Mrs McNaughton tells m that when she came here, eigh years ago, the Bowen house as well as an old adjoining building was fully occupied and it was, I understand, when the Bowens were in Smyrna the door between their ho and the old house was cu through the dividing wall. By whose authority was thi done, I am not prepared to s On the completion of the new school building teachers and pupils left the Bowen house for the new quarters. However the lower part of the Bowen house was still used by the Americ teachers.

When I arrived in Smyrna the second story was empty but a few weeks later after Mrs Constantine's death Dr Constantine moved in and occupied two rooms. The following September Mrs McLaughton and I were invited by the ladies to occupy the house as they felt it would be safer and more convenient if one of the male missionaries lived near them. We occupied the second flat and had the use of the kitchen which is on the ground floor. Of course we paid rent.

Here we remained until we moved to Manisa.

I should have remarked that when the new school building was in the course of erection a door on the ground floor and one on the second floor were opened into the new building. I suppose this was done by Mr Bartlett in consultation with the ladies.

At the present time the house is pretty fully occupied. The ground floor is used by the ladies. You are doubtless aware that they eat but one meal a day with the girls and two by themselves. This arrangement necessitates the use of the Kitchen and dining room. The sitting room has been used continually since the Bowens left Smyrna. The second floor is divided into four rooms besides the hall. One room is occupied by

Miss McCallum, One is used as a guestroom, and one as a sick room. The other which is a very small room is empty but will be most useful as a second sick room if the necessity should occur. I think there is no question that the time has ome when the Bowen house s needed by the school.

The exact valuation of the house would not be easy to ascertain without putting it n the market but after onsultation we feel that £.T. 800 r $3520 would be a fair estimate.

I think this covers all the points raised by your letter affecting the Bowen house.

You inquire if we purpos
to reside permanently in
Manisa? No we do not. Accordi
to our present plan we do not
expect to reside anywhere
many years in succession.

Since coming to Turkey
and especially to this diffic
field I feel very strongly th
the touring missionaries can d
the most effective work not
in hurried tours but in goin
to each outstation and
settling right down to wor
with the pastor. Our past
however good they may be
need the stimulus of a
sympathetic companion

who knows something of modern methods of work.

Our experience in Manisa has justified us in our thought. We feel that we ought to remain at least a year longer. but the call from Afion Kara Hissar comes with such power that we may descide to go there in September.

We are spending the Summer in Boudjah, a suburb of Smyrna. It is very hot indeed but we are now all well.

This last week there have been several suspicious cases of cholera in Smyrna. Yesterday two cases more have developed. Every precaution is taken to prevent an epidemic.

Mrs McNaughton has just
informed me that the Bowen
house had been bought an
given to the teachers for a ho
by the Woman's board.

Miss Lord is much mo
conversant with the history
of the case than I am and
doubtless would be glad to
furnish any information my
letter lacks.

Most sincerely your
J. P. McNaughto

Manisa Mar 10th/94.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston

Dear Dr Smith:-

We have recently returned from a visit to Smyrna and I wish to report a little of what we saw. I think I can confidently say that the work of the American Board in Smyrna was never in a more healthful condition than at the present time. We can hardly speak to highly of the excellent men who lead the Greek and Armenian congregations. Both Mr Moschos and Mr Pashjian seem admirably fitted for the good work they are performing. They are men of broad culture and excellent spirit. Both very keenly appreciate the great responsibility that devolves upon them and both have set to work in a way that promises success.

Our Schools were never so full since I came to this country. Miss Bartlett's Kindergarten with over 80 pupils, and an earnest staff of teachers is a worthy model for the Kindergartens of this country. If the good ladies who gave so generously to the purchase of its new and beautiful home could only come and see for themselves what an admirable

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building for the purpose has been secured they would feel that every cent was well accounted for.

The Girls School enrolling about 100 has 95 in attendance and although the cholera of last year caused a diminution in the number of boarders the growing popularity of the school has more than made up in day pupils. We trust our application for a fourth lady to take Miss Lord's place has not been forgotten; for the present staff are overburdened, especially as Miss Harlow's health forbids her taking up the amount of work she would like to.

The Boys School has 111 in attendance. Our predictions for its success are being rapidly realized. It has already under Mr McLachlan's management reached a point where success is clear outside the bound of even probability. However it is hoped that the thought to put the extra $1000 a year under the limit for the W. T. Mission will not be put into execution for two substantial reasons. 1st It would be unfair to the mission for at the time the mission sanctioned our proposals for the better equipment of the school it unanimously passed and forwarded the following resolution to the Prudential Committee.

Resolved, that we request the Prudential Committee to consider the exceptional needs of Smyrna Station Field, and if it is deemed practicable to make special grants for the more vigorous working of that field which for the term of six years shall not directly or indirectly diminish the funds for general work in our other stations, that we request that a third missionary be designated to Smyrna with special reference to the proposed boarding school for boys at that place."

Now if the extra $1000 be put under the limit it will very seriously diminish the funds for regular work. The mission felt that at the end of six years any extra sum contributed for the maintainance of the school might reasonably be cut off and if our hopes would be realized we heartily concurred in the fixing of this limit.

2nd. The school without at least part of the $1000 for some time yet would be so seriously hampered that its present efficiency could not be maintained. As Mr. McLachlan will write in detail I need say nothing further on this point.

I intended giving you a brief report of the work in each outstation but this letter is already assuming such proportions that I must content my self with a few general remarks.

From what we saw and from what ~~whe~~ we hear from our pastors the work in the outstations without exception is most encouraging. There has not been any period within at least the last 6 years when without any

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exception we could make this statement. The refusal of the government to permit us to open a school in Afiun Kara Hissar makes us solicitous about that point, but possibly if Mrs McNaughton and I go out there for the coming year we may be able to affect something through the legation.

Now just when our hearts were buoyed up with great hope for the future we are asked to retrench. Apart from the immediate disasterous effect on our work, for we have already cut down wherever that was possible and further pruning means the endangering of the existence of the little that is left, let me present some other facts that should claim earnest consideration. We feel that we can approach the Board with peculiar claims for special consideration. In doing so we have no thought of minimizing the importance of the other fields of Turkey.

The area of the Smyrna field is 1/3 greater than the combined areas of the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

It contains more than 20 cities with populations ranging from 15.000 to 250.000. Besides there are over 40 large towns and 4000 villages. The whole population of the region being about 3¼ millions.

Now to evangelize this immense field we have outside of the city of Smyrna but 7 pastors including those of the Greek Alliance. If the proposed reduction is actually carried out, two of this little company will have to retire from the work. We leave the Prudential Committee and the churches at home to draw their own inferences. I think the mission has always regarded the Smyrna field as lacking in equipment more than any other field in Turkey and yet if you add to the facts presented above that it has a seaboard of nearly 5000 miles and Smyrna is the great commercial metropolis of the empire I think you will feel with us, that instead of being the weakest in equipment it should be one of the strongest; for a vigorous work prosecuted in this field would have a powerful influence far beyond its ~~the~~ bounds.

We will now leave our case in your hands but will not cease to pray the Father of all mercies, to grant you His grace, in your great difficulties, and to incline the hearts of His servants to give liberally of their means for the maintainance His work throughout the world

Very sincerely yours.
James. P. McNaughton.

Manisa, March 10, 1894.
Rec'd March 30.

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July 26. 1894

evd Judson Smith. D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

We have
st received your letter of the 7th inst,
prising us of your enforced temporary
tirement from your work. I need hardly
sure you of our heartiest sympathy in this
ial and our earnest hope for your speedy
covery. We will not cease to pray that
Great Physician may be your constant
tendant and not only apply his
aling balm but protect you from
anger in your travels. We would also
you to express to Mrs Smith our
mpathy in the anxiety of the situation.
hardly think you can quite fully

appreciate how dear to the heart of the missionary the foreign secretary becom He is the living link between the missionary and the society he represen and perhaps no one else can so clearly understand the difficulties surroun the work in the foreign field. We ha always been assured of your intellige and lively interest in our work even i many of the details that might very easily escape your notice in the multiplicity and variety of your wo We have very keenly appreciated this and greatly regret that our intercourse must be interrupted even for a time All the members of our station with th exception of Miss Harlow, who has gone to England, are here. Phocea is a small t 3 hours from Smyrna by boat beautifully s on a bay of the Mediterranean. It is sometimes v but the bracing clear air always revives us.

Very sincerely yours J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna July 14th/94.

Revd N. G. Clark D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Clark:-

We have recently enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant visit from Mr. Mrs and Miss Blatchford. While here I called his attention to a matter that attracted his interest and concerning which he has advised you. I will briefly state the case. About two years ago the Greek brethren of Manisa built a chapel. We fully anticipated ~~that~~ endless trouble and annoyance from the Government. You are aware that the Government as far as possible hinders the progress of our work and in no way is this spirit more shown than in opposition to all building operations. To the very great surprise of all the brethren were able to push the building on to completion without the slightest opposition. This was so contrary to what we expected that we felt there must be some underlying influence working in our favour but unknown to us. Again this year we opened a boys school in Manisa and at one time the position taken by the government in Smyrna gave us serious apprehensions as to the issue of the enterprise. Enquiries were instituted in Manisa but no action was taken except our moving the girls school into the same building as the boys school occupies.

Rev J. P. McNaughton
Manisa,
July 14. 1894 8/14
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It turns out that the chief municipal officer in the government had been quietly but very effectively working for us. He has let it be known that a le of thanks from our society would be acceptable. Now a time when the government of the country regards all o work with suspicion and disfavour it would seem that we ought to recognize any friendly help bestowed, especially by one occupying a place wide influence. Mr Blatchford fell in with a sugg of requesting Dr Smith to prepare a letter and ask Dr Storrs to sign it. You know the Turk is fond of Colour and a letter prepared on parchment with several colours would be highly apprecia Mr Blatchford has written requesting me to draw up a form of document that would be suitable a forward it to you with the name and title of the officer in question:

After consultation with Mr Bartlett I would sugges the enclosed. You will note that no reference ha been made to any act of kindness. This is to guard again any future trouble that may arise should the letter fal into the hands of an enemy. It is purposely indefi

The officers name is Hadji Lutf Ullah.
" " Title is Beledije Reisi.
" " Residence Manisa.

We have heard with deep regret of the physical debility Dr Smith. We will not cease to pray for his speedy recovery. Trusting that you are enjoying good health and co

I remain Very sincerely yours
J. P. McNaught

Manisa Sept 17th/94

Revd C. H. Daniels. D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Daniels:-

Your letters of Aug 14th and 23rd have been duly received, also the illuminated address for the municipal officer in Manisa. It is an artistic piece of work and something that will very greatly please the officer in question. The form of letter I sent was simply suggestive and I think the changes and additions you made in consultation with Mr Barton are excellent. I will as soon as possible have a careful translation made and present both to the officer for whom they are intended.

This year opens with good prom for substantial progress. I onl regret that we cannot contemplat aggressive work for in this larg field there are many large citie tempting us to enter, but patience or retrenchment is the watchword. However the Lord knows best & w will be as patient as we can.

Very sincerely yours

J. P. McNaughton

A. P. MacNaughton,

Sept. 17. 1894

Manisa Dec 24th 94.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston

Dear Dr Smith:-

The receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. very greatly cheered our hearts. Our prayers and sympathy were with you during your enforced absence from the work you cherish and love. We heartily congratulate you on your recuperated strength and will pray that as in the past you may for many years be spared to prosecute the work in which you have endeared yourself to so many missionaries in the foreign fields.

We regret that Mrs Smith did not derive the benefit she anticipated from her sojourn abroad and that she is still far from strong. The Lord is very gracious and we will unite with you at a throne of grace that she may speedily be restored to health and strength.

I believe the last letter I wrote you was from Manisa. You will notice by the above address that we have returned to this old and interesting outstation.

Miss Harlow doubtless advised you of our last Summ
resort. We found a very interesting and I believe healthf
town at the entrance of Smyrna bay. The ancient
Phocia. I will not take up your time by refreshing
your memory with any historic references to this ancien
and famous sea port town. With the exception of Mi
Harlow our whole circle were together and I am sure
most of us found Phocia a most desirable resort.
During the Summer our three girlies had the measles.
They have fully recovered and we are now all enjoy
excellent health. Our eldest daughter is in Smyrna wit
Miss Bartlett attending the Kindergarten.

With the exceptions of Misses McCallum + Bartlett
our whole circle is enjoying good health.

Miss McCallum is troubled with indijestion and
Miss Bartlett we feel has never wholly recovered from
the tremendous strain under which she lived during the las
months of her mother's illness. I think we are all fully
convinced that she needs a thorough rest and if pre
is not taken early serious results may be anticipate
I speak plainly for I know well that neither she
nor Mr Bartlett appreciate the gravity of the situatio
Her enthusiasm and pluck carrys her along, but

I have little doubt that nature will soon call halt!

When you write to Mr Bartlett it would be well to enquire in detail about Miss Bartlett's health but it might be as well not to refer to what I have written.

If you have time to refer to our station report of the year closing in June, you will see that the outlook over our whole field was never so promising and hopeful. This new year opens with exceptional promise in some departments. Mr Bartlett has recently returned from a tour and found some of the outstations in a condition not so promising as we could wish and yet there is nothing to cause anxiety except the hostile attitude the Government bears especially to our educational work. What the issue will be God alone knows. I am glad you called the attention of the churches to this matter in your admirable report. We need the prayers and faith of God's people in this crisis.

You have a right to expect large results from the work in Smyrna. The Board has most generously expended large sums of money in that ~~large~~ great city. I am sometimes appalled when I look into the expenditures of the last few years for educational plant. And were I not convinced that the results would justify the outlay I should feel like retiring in shame for the part I personally took in recommending and urging these extensive purchases.

Now let us look at the question from a financial stand point for the present year. In the following estimates I will no include salaries for missionaries. The sum given by the Board for education in the city of Smyrna not including the Greek Allia mixed Greek School, is less than $3000, or if we include the Gree Alliance School say $3300. To offset this we have 425 pupils in regular attendance; making the cost to the Board of each pupi about $7.76 Now if you take into consideration the fact tha Smyrna is much more of a European city than an Oriental and the cost of living and salaries are high I do not thin you will feel this an extravagant sum.

Besides if we take into consideration the rapid growth of ou schools you will see that this sum ~~will~~ is very materially lessening year by year. Four years ago the number of pupils in our boys school was 40, now we have 150. The prospects for self support in a year or two are bright. Its phenomenal growth surpasses our most sanguine expectations. Four or five years ago in pleading for its necessity before the Missi I never dared to represent such rapid growth. The girls scho too is making excellent progress. There are about 182 in attenda this year, the largest number in attendance since I came Smyrna. The fact of having 425 pupils under christian influence and each taking a Bible lesson daily is a most inspiring thought to me. You did well to impress upon us the necessity of having a direct christian aim in our educational work. The temptations the to emphasise the secular and neglect the spiritual interests of the schools are strong and a warning note from head quarters should be fearlessly and frequently given. The competition with other foreign schools is strong. Our Protestant community is weak and consequently our Protestant boys and girls are few, the exacting strain upon our time and lives gives us little respite to develop and foster spirituality in our own lives. This I believe is one of the hardest trials of missionary life, especially for missionaries who happen to be situated as some of us are. However I believe the spirit in our schools is a good one and while, on account of lack of Protestant pupils there may not be as many as we could wish, entering into direct gospel work, yet I believe our schools are doing a noble work in creating character that must have a mighty influence in uplifting the peoples of this country.

This letter has already extended itself beyond the limits I had intended and yet I feel I should not close without some reference to our work here in Manisa. Both the evangelical and educational departments of the work are prospering. Our congregations are good and growing. A spi of earnest enquiry is manifest. The Bible Cla and Sunday Schools are large and increasing. Last Sunday we had the pleasure of having Miss Lawrence and Miss Harlow with us. On enquiring of Miss Lawrence somewhat into the history of Manisa when it was th home of all the missionaries, and when th boarding school was here I ascertained tha in their most prosperous time they had neither so large numbers attending the schoo nor such large congregations as we now have. Including the Sunday Schools there are over 200 who come under direct Bible teachin every Sunday. The schools were never so larg as now. The aggregate in both Greek and Arm schools this year is 120, and this too in the face of strong opposition

Before I close this letter, I desire, in these the closing days of another year, to acknow the great goodness of God to us all. His ki and gentle leading has been most marke

His blessings have been innumerable and His grace has abounded to us much more copiously than we in the least deserve.

Mrs McNaughton joins with me in wishing Mrs Smith and yourself the blessings of this joyful season.

My very kindest regards to Dr Daniels who during your absence entered into our work so heartily and sympathetically.

Very sincerely yours.
James P. McNaughton.

Manisa, Dec, 24, 1894,

Rec'd Jan, 10, 1895,

Rev. J. P. McNaughton.

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Smyrna Apr 21st 1905.

Rec'd May 20.

Revd Judson Smith. D.D.
Boston.

Dear sir:-

At a recent meeting with the missionaries of the Smyrna station we were brought face to face with the disaster that is threatening the Lord's work in this part of Turkey.

This occasion offers us a good opportunity of acknowledging with sincere gratitude the great generosity of the American Board not only for their liberal gifts to this station but for all the help given directly or indirectly to our nation. We are glad to be able, to report a response to this Christian expression of love to us

in, not only a large number
embracing the evangelical rank
but in the general awakening
of the nation as is evidenced
from time to time in the nati
press, as well as by word of mout
We feel that present signs
indicate a great change in
the intellectual and spiritual
condition of our brethren and w
anticipate with confidence the
full deliverance of our nation fro
Superstition and ignorance.
At this transitional period eve
effort is needed to direct the ey
of the people to the Saviour.
Perhaps no time in the histo
of the work was there more
need of multiplying the ~~present~~
agencies employed.
As the mind of the nation
is opening to outside influ

t is needful that it be directed to channels of christian life and purity. therwise the result will be a relapse into carelessness and infidelity.

n view of this we plead most earnestly that the Christian churches in America be directed to our need in these times of poverty, grief and discouragement.

On the 20th inst we met with the missionaries to consider where we could cut down estimates without striking at any vital part of the work. No such comfort however awaited us. It is impossible to reduce estimates further without striking a deadly blow at the work now in hand.

We felt we could not do this without at least making an appeal to you.

Trusting that some means may

be found to prevent the proposed reduction being carried into effect we remain ever gratefully yours

In behalf of the preachers and pastors of the
Smyrna Station

H. Tashjian
K Dombalian.

Rev. James P. McNaughton

Manisa May 1st /95.

Rec'd May 20

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston,

Dear sir:-

In the two most important and influential Armenian news papers, one of which is the official paper of the church, occur very friendly notices of the death of Mr Knapp of Bitlis. Some of our pastors are very anxious to see in the Herald translations of these articles. I told them if they would make a rough translation of them I would give the substance of both in condensed form and forward it. As to the printing of the following you must use your own discretion.

"There are some ~~men~~ who merit the honour of their fellow men while living and deserve monuments after they die. Of that class

is the Revd George P. Knapp whose
recent death in Bitlis was the cause
deep regret to all who knew him.
His funeral which took place on
Mar 14th was attended by nearly 200
persons among whom were the priests
of the Armenian Church. The presen
of this large number of people was
testimony to the appreciation felt
for the stirling christian charac
of the deceased.
Mr Knapp was born in a village
Vermont. He received his educat
in Middlebury College and Andov
Seminary.
In 1855 he with his wife sailed from
Boston for the Orient.
While in the Archipelago the mast
of the ship became intoxicated. Seri
consequences were averted by Mr
Knapp taking summary measures
He imprisoned the captain, took
command himself and brought the
ship safe into port.
Having reached his field of labour
he settled down in Diarbekir

here he remained until his health manded a change of climate. He moved to Bitlis where he has been abouring ever since. By his earnest ristian life and deep interest in the evangelical and especially in the ducational work his influence as felt not only in Bitlis but in a arge section of surrounding country. he first church of Bitlis was organized n 1868 with five members. In 1892 there were two organized churches with everal outstation branches aggregating membership of 1400.

t the time of his death there were two igh schools ~~with~~ and 18 elementary chools attended by 1000 pupils, belonging the Bitlis station.

r Knapp's memory is fondly cherished in the hearts of many on account of he active part he took during the amine of 1878-9 in providing food or the hungry and clothes for the naked".

The printing of these friendly notices by the native papers indicate a ve great change in the sentiment of the Armenian Community to the missi work of this country. It shows tha the more thoughtful of the Armen appreciate the efforts made for th enlightening of their nation. I consider these tokens of frien of great importance especially i future development of the evangel and educational work.

All the members of our station were deeply grieved at the inform received of the death of Mr Ward. I need not here mention the very h esteem in which he was held by us We feel that the Board has lost a m valuable servant and we a dear fri Our hearty sympathy is with you a this sad bereavement and our pra go up to the Father for the friend of Mr Ward. If an opportunity of would you please convey to them o deep sympathy in their hours of sa

Very sincerely yours. J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna Oct. 30th, 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

You will be interested to know some particulars of our work as we find it at the beginning of a new year.

As the work in our field is so largly of an educational character, the mission year commences with the last of September and first of October rather than with the first of January.

Before entering upon a brief resume of the prospects of our work, let me inform you of the disposition of the members of our circle during the Summer months.

Misses Mc, Callum, Harlow, Pohl and Saunders spent the Summer in Germany, for the most part in the city of Dresden. Their travel and their residence in Germany have been of the greatest benefit to them. They have returned in excellent health and spirits.

Miss Lawrence remained in Smyrna and seems to have endured the heat well.

Mr and Miss Bartlett and Mrs Mc Lachlan and children passed the Summer in Boudja, a suburb of Smyrna.

Mr Mc Lachlan after the close of school in June went to England.

He had two purposes before him; one, to secure a second tutor for the school, the other to recuperate his health. We are glad to be able to say that both objects have been attained. He was successful in securing a young man of high culture, excellent ability and consecrated to foreign mission service. While in England Mr Mc Lachlan had the rare privilege of attending the Keswick Convention and returns to his work, not only physically but spirituall refreshed.

We spent the Summer in Constantinople. I took Mr Barnum's place during his

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furlough in England.

We lived in Mrs Trowbridge's house and were privileged in affording a temporar home for good old Dr Riggs. For the most of the Summer our two youngest girls suffered from whooping cough, a most distressing sickness, as you are well aware Mrs Mc Naughton was confined almost continually to the house and our nights of undisturbed rest were few. I can hardly say that our vacation has been of much restful benefit to us.

The prospects for the year before us are excellent in some depar ments and not so much so in others. The Boys and Girls Boarding Schools give promise of a very successful year.

The limit of one hundred and fifty in the Boys School has almost been reached and doubtless will be in the near future. Although the number of boarders is somewhat less than last year the school has filled up with day pupils of a ver desirable class.

The Girls School opened with a larger number of pupils than it has for many ye There are now one hundred and twelve on the roll and doubtless others will be forthcoming.

A new feature in connection with the Girls School is a Kindergarten for Greeks It is conducted by a member of Miss Bartlett's training class of last year.

The Kindergarten under Miss Bartlett's care is filling up much slower than in previous years. This is attributable to two causes. First. The demand of a uniform high tuition. Second. The extraordinary efforts ma by the Armenians to draw pupils to their own Kindergarten and prevent them coming to ours.

The Greek mixed primary school, under the direction of the Greek Alliance, which enjoyed most hopeful success in years past is almost wholly depleted of numbers this year. The cause is an evident one. The Greeks have built a large sc in the immediate vicinity of the Protestant school and as the people of the district are poorand ignorant they are under the subjection of the priests and

now that they have a school of their own there isno further reason for their sending their children to the Protestant school.
We have no thought , at present, however of abandoning the post.

In respect to the evangelical work in Smyrna there is nothing of special interest to relate. The pastors are doing excellent service and we trust that a quiet steady advance is being made.
We have had recently an addition to our smyrna band of workers in the person of a Bishop Firkin. He belongs to the sect known as Dunkers or Tunkers. He seems a good enough kind of man, but one could wish that these good men might be directed to places where their peculiar tenets of doctrine would have a less disturbing effect
Recently the preacher representing the Disciples succeeded in inducing to join his little band two weak ignorant members of our Greek congregation and a Turk, who has for years known the truth, and who has frequently attended our chapel, and who desired baptism at the hands of our Armenian pastor but was refused, for while he was intellectually convinced of the truth of Christianity he did not give evidence of a change of heart.

The presence and practise of such men in the foreign field has a mo pernicious effect on the work in general and on the minds of weak converts in particular.

On returning to Manisa we found the evangelical work in a very hopeful condition. The Armenian pastor had succeededin winning the confidence and affection of quite a number of very promising young men. Persecution has broken out against them. This will test thier sincerity. Only converts that have passed through the fire are, as a general rule, worth much. We are watching the process now with deep interest and some anxiety.

Strenuous efforts have been made to break up our schools and although some pupils have been induced away, others are coming in their places and we have hope that ultimately the number will not be much below that of last year.

In respect to the outstations of our field, while the reports from the pastors are uniformely hopeful, we cannot speak from personal knowledge as the disturbed state of the empire has made an extended tour unsafe. Our brethren in Constantinople have advised us not to go into the interior for the present. We trust in the spring to be able to visit the whole field.

Before passing from this general view of our work, I should like to refer briefly to the presence in our midst of Miss Mellinger.
We have felt for a long time that there should be in Smyrna at least one American lady whose time would be given wholly to Bible work. This part of our work has of necessity been neglected, especially in the outstations. In the city of Smyrna there is no lady free to do the necessary visiting there, and there is hardly ever any lady free to accompany the missionaries when they tour. This is a lack that cannot be fully appreciated by anyone not on the ground. Now we feel that the Good Lord felt

this lack in His work and sent Miss Mellinger to us. The doors that will open to
are legion and the possibilities for expansion along the lines she is specially
interested in are almost infinite. I trust that the ladies of Boston wil not thin
removing her.

Before closing this letter I wish to refer to one business and one p
sonal matter. You will notice in our contingent estimates for 1896 an item of £4
relief for Mr Bartlett. I trust the importance of this will not be overlooked. Two
ago Mr and Miss Bartlett went to Switzerland that Miss Bartlett might rest and r
erate her health. For the expences of that trip the Board generously granted £40.
This sum, however was altogether inadequate to the necessary outlay. A debt was in
ed that adds a grievous burden to the cares of Mr and Miss Bartlett.
If the Prudential Committee can see their way clear to grant this sum an early
acquaintance of the fact would be greatly appreciated.

The personal matter has reference to our going home on furlough next
year. I did not bring this matter before the Annual Meeting, for at that time we h
definite plan before us and had hoped that we could wait at least one year mo
For the last two years Mrs Mc Naughton has been nervously affected although o
wise enjoying good health. The last Winter was an especially trying one to he
but we hoped that a Summer in Constantinople would be just what she needed. In th
we were disappointed. Since our return hardly a day passes that she has not sever
headaches and other symptoms of a more or less serious character. I had hoped to
been able to send her and the children home and I stay on, but this seems utterly imprac
able on account of the difficulty of travelling with small children.
By the time we would be able to start Mrs Mc Naughton will have been in Turkey
eleven years and I nearly nine. I shall make regular application through the Comm
ad Interem.

Most sincerely yours,
J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna, Oct. 30, 1895.
Rec'd Nov. 25.

Rev. James P. McNaughton

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Smyrna Dec 27th/95
Rec'd Jan. 24.

Revd G. Herrick D.D,
Secretary,
Western Turkey Mission.

Dear Dr Herrick,

At a meeting of the members of the Smyrna Station held to-day, it was unanimously approved that a request be made through the Com.-ad-Interim for permission for Mr and Miss Bartlett to visit the United States.

This action was taken on account of the physical condition of Miss Bartlett and in accord with medical advice.

You may be aware that Miss Bartlett has never fully

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recovered from the effects of the extraordinary tax put upon her, stre at the time of her late mother's ill and death.

Since that time, although she has been able to prosecute her work with great fidelity and energy, her health has neve been equal to the strain necessari put upon it in the circumstances in which she was placed. Nature has at last succumbed to this unequal fight and Mi Bartlett finds herself nervously prostrated, altogether unfitted to participate in any of her regular work and without strength to bear the many interruptions of daily life and the social deman made upon her.

We would suggest that in view of Miss Bartlett's serious condition, it is not advisable to delay departure until permission from the Prudential Committee is secured; but, in accord with section 1. under "Furloughs" page 19 of Handbook for Missions and Missionaries of 1895, which reads thus — Leave of absence must be obtained of the Prudential Committee on recommendation of the Mission, except where a critical condition of health does not allow delay, in which case the approbation of the Mission should be obtained" Mr and Miss Bartlett be permitted to depart as soon as they can conveniently make arrangements.

I need not here say anything of the invaluable services to the Mission of Miss Bartlett and of the deep regret shared by every member of our circle that she and Mr Bartlett are compelled for a seas to absent themselves for us.

We will hope and pray tha Miss Bartlett, in the home lan and among loving friends ma soon recuperate her strength an return to the work for which s is so admirably fitted and which she loves so much.

Most sincerely yours.
In behalf of the station
James P. McNaughton

Endorsed by Comtee ad Int.
as also a subsequent request for per
mission for Miss Harlow to accompany
Bartlett. on account, in part, of her own (Miss Harlow's)
ill health and in part for Mrs Bartlett's sake;
as per
G. Herrick

To the
Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Secy. A.B.C.F.M.
Congregational House. Boston.

~~Dear Dr Smith~~:

Inasmuch as the interests of the American Missionaries and their work in the Turkish dominions are very closely allied with, and in a very considerable measure dependent upon the action and sympathetic offices of the Consular representations of the United States:-

We, the undersigned Missionaries of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions", stationed at Smyrna - Turkey in Asia, desire to place on record our high appreciation of the most efficient services rendered, on behalf of ourselves and the work are represent, by the present United States Consul at Smyrna - Col J. H. Madden, during the term of his appointment.

The interests of our missionary operations here during the past three years have required frequent reference to the Turkish Government, where only the offices of a discreet and energetic Consul could avail to secure the protection of the American rights and interests involved; and we owe it to our present Consul to testify to the wisdom and the marked ability with which he has on every such occasion served the interests of our Country and of our missionary work.

In view of all this we venture to express our unanimous hope and earnest desire that Col. Madden may long continue here as the representative of the United States Government.

In expressing ourselves thus it will not be amiss to add that in doing so we have every reason to believe that we are recording the sentiment of the entire American Community resident in Smyrna.

Signed on behalf of the American Missionaries in Smyrna.

L. Bartlett
James P. McNaughton
Alexander MacLachlan

Smyrna Jan 18th 1896.

Smyrna, Jan. 18. 1896
Rec'd Feb. 21

Rev. James P. McNaughton

Smyrna, Jan. 18-1896

S. S. Senegal.
En route for Constantinople

Rec'd March 2-1896

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

I sent you a letter about six weeks ago giving you a brief report of our work as it then existed. As I have received no reply I conclude that the letter never reached its destination. As I have no time at present to review the contents of that letter in detail let me say in brief that on the whole I was able to present an encouraging report and bright outlook. The evangelistic work outside of Smyrna and Manisa is quietly but we believe surely and solidly making headway, while in Smyrna and Manisa we may safely say that

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not for many years, if ever, has it be
of so promising a character.
The educational department of our work
is particularly hopeful. The Boys Sch
has 150 in attendance. The number of
boarders this year is somewhat less than
that of last year but their places have
been filled by a particularly desirable
class of day pupils. The Girls School
has a larger attendance of pupils that
before and a larger number of boarders
than for many years. We regret that
on account of ill health Miss Harlo
was compelled to leave the school
and accompany Mr and Miss B
to America. The Broussa station most
generously came to our rescue by lendin
us Miss Griswold for the remaining of th
year. The Kindergarten has a smaller
attendance than usual, owing to two
causes. 1st Our demand of a uniform

tuition fee and second to the efforts of
the Armenians to draw away our pupils.
Miss Bartlett's departure will be a further
reason for a depleted Kindergarten.
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ommittee. The item referred to is £40 relief
or Mr Bartlett. You will remember that
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Europe. For the expense of that trip
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cessary expenses of the trip and the result is
at Mr Bartlett's account with the Mission
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overlooked and in saying this I have the
pproval of the Station.

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I also referred to a personal matter in m former letter. Mrs McNaughton's heal has been giving a good deal of anxiety f the last two years. She will soon be eleven years in Turkey and this has t on her nerves. Had the Bartletts not b compelled to go home this year, I shoul have applied for permission to return t America this Summer. As it is I shal make application for permission for Mr McNaughton and the children to go home and for myself to accompany them to England or possibly to America if the interests of the work here permit.

question will doubtless arise in your
mind, — Why is Mr McNaughton aboard a
steamer at this season of the year? —
ou are doubtless aware that the American
mbassador failed to secure a travelling
sport for Mr Barnum to go into the
terior to aid in the relief work. Mr Peet
asked ~~[illegible]~~ to Sir Philip Currie - the English
mbassador if he could secure permission
for a British subject to go to Erzroom?
n assuring Mr Peet that he could I was at
nce invited to go.

r Chambers is likely to break down under
the tremendous strain to which he has
een subjected for some months unless
ome one comes to his rescue. Mr Crawford
ho ~~has~~ been helping Dr Parmelee for
ome time may go through to Erzroom if
e can. In that case I ~~may~~ will take his place
n Trebizond. I need not say anything
bout the present condition of Turkey for

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doubtless you are kept well informed
We have been safe in Manisa so far
although there have been threatened
risings. The energy of the Smyrna
Pasha, the late Prime Minister of th
Empire saved us from scenes of blo
shed and horror. Even in Smyrna
extensive preparations for a rising ha
been discovered and great anxiety still ex
In a few days we enter upon Ramazan
the month of all the year to be dreaded
It is the month when all good Moslem
fast and when fanaticism is at it
height. It is unfortunate that I am
called away from home at this time
but the thought of a brother in dir
need was an argument that nothing bu
the most exceptional circumstances
would warrant us in setting aside.
Mrs McNaughton remains in charge of
the work in Manisa. All our friends

that she should at once come to Smyrna but her removal to Smyrna would have a very adverse effect on some departments of our work in Manisa and would ~~give~~ very greatly add to the anxiety now existing among the Armenians ~~community~~. While she is in Manisa the poor Armenians will have some assurance that immediate danger is improbable and that in case of need they have a place of refuge. Taking ~~everything into~~ all probable contingents into consideration, and after earnest prayer for guidance, two duties seemed to stand out clear before us—

1. I must go to Trebizond ~~and~~ or Erzroom and, 2. Mrs McNaughton must remain in Manisa. We have no idea what the future may reveal, but we can look forward with full assurance to a loving Heavenly Father who has never failed us in the past, feeling assured, that whatever may happen

will be for his honour and glory.
~~and~~

Very sincerely yours.
J. P. McNaughton

P.S. It is decided that I go to Erzr
I leave this afternoon (Feb 10th) a
hope to arrive in Erzroom in abou
two weeks.

Very sincerely yours.
J. P. McNaughton.

Erzroom Mar 18th/96

Revd Judson Smith DD.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

My letter written you while on my way to Constantinople, explains my presence here. I arrived on Mar 5th. The journey was difficult but was made as comfortable as this trip can be in the midst of Winter. I was eleven day on the road from Trebizond to Erzroom. One of these days, Sunday, I spent in Baiburt, the centre of one of the most heartless, cruel, unreasonable massacres of this recent series. I was met about 3 miles from the town by some young men who bore me an invitation from the Armenian Community asking me to come directly to their council room. This room was put at my disposal and I used my own travelling bed for the simple reason, that not even the wealthiest Armenian had a suitable room or bed of any kind for me. The plunderers left these houses absolutely bare.

Of the 10 days actual travel from ~~Erzroom~~ Trebizond I spent 9 in the saddle and one in a sleigh. A mounted policeman accompanied me all the way as a protection from brigands + robbers. ~~However~~ He could not protect from wintry blasts and deep snow and lofty mountain ranges. However the trip was made without accident of any kind. I found Mr Chambers over-whelmed with work. He should have had an assistant since

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the beginning of the relief work. He is a grand man and I am delighted that this opportunity has been afforded me of knowing him. It is a sad pity to see such good people not only burdened beyond reason, by relief and regular work, but by the awful blow shared in common by us all. I mean the cut down of 50% in appropriations. A cut down in a year like this is not only cruel but criminal. I leave Mr Chambers to tell his own story. It is a year when the Board should stand generously by its work in Turkey even if the debt were doubled. As I think about our own poor pastors in the Smyrna field I am appalled. They are living in the hope of better news, but if it comes, it must come soon. However I need add nothing more on this subject. We are perfectly sure of your sympathy, and appreciation of the situation.

The relief work here is on a large scale. In the city we are now supplying daily bread rations to nearly four thousand. Wheat is given every fortnight to the villages of the Erzroom Plain. About 7000 are thus helped. Large quantities of clothing sent from Constantinople have been distributed here and in the towns & villages throughout the province. Over 1000 thick wadded quilts have been manufactured by women and girls who are on our relief rolls, and distributed.

Large towns centres of communities of Armenian villages throughout the Province were chosen as distributing points for their respective district. Committees were appointed in these to administer relief funds under the direction of the Erzroom Com (Composed of Mr Cumberbatch the British Consul, Mess Chambers & McNaughton, and the Civil Head of the Protestant Community and a pastor).

These Coms. for the most part work along the lines pursued by the Central Com. Cash is given only when other methods of relief are impossible.

Extreme destitution, coextensive with the bounds of the Province and embracing, at least, one half of the Armenian population, exists. Over 50.000. cold, hungry, suffering, men, women and children lift a united voice for help. Thousands of widows and orphans, still mourning the sad loss of husbands and fathers, remnants of decimated families and inmates of plundered houses relate tales of woe that are heart rending.

In the large towns artisans have neither capital nor tools with which to refurnish their empty shops.

Villagers have neither animals nor agricultural implements to till the soil nor seed to sow; the very houses are completely plundered of the ordinary cooking and other utensils.

As has been said, "If you give us flour we have no bread trough and if we had, we have no salt for the bread, and if we had, we have no pans in which to bake it, and if we had we have no oven".

This suggests urgent relief on a gigantic scale. We have

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reduced the daily rations to the minimum upon which existence is possible, less than a pound of bread to each individual per day, costing less than one cent.

We are now assisting about 30,000 throughout the province, but this number must be gradually increased to, at least, 40,000.

As far as possible aid has been given only to those who had absolutely no means of subsistence. In some places the pillagers, in their hurry left a few things. In other places the Government compelled the plunderers to return a small quantity of of their ill gotten gains. These ~~poor~~ meagre supplies are gradually being exhausted, and applicants for relief are multiplying in an alarming degree. In some villages of the Erzroom Plain the third fortnightly distribution now being made must contemplate a constituency one hundred per. cent. larger than that of the first.

There is absolutely no hope that the present condition of the Armenians will be materially changed, unless indeed for the worse, until Sept. when the harvest will be garnered.

If oxen, farming implements and ~~gra~~ seed grain be not provided within a month the future outlook is as dark as night. I hear from Mrs. McNaughton regularly. She and the children are well. xxx The work in Manisa is progressing favorably,

Most sincerely yours.

James P. McNaughton

Erzroom, March 18, 1896.
Rec'd Apr. 10.

Erzroom Apr 11th/96

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

I have recently prepared the accompanying statement of the present situation here. It occurred to me that you might like a copy. Since last I wrote you I have been very greatly troubled by reports from Manisa and Smyrna. All Winter the Small pox has been epidemic in Manisa and it was with difficulty that we were able to protect our schools. Two or three of the pupils did take it but we turned them with other members of their families out of the school. Now however Mrs McNaughton writes me that our baby has a bad attack and she has dismissed the Kindergarten. I ~~felt~~ feel very greatly troubled on account of Mrs McNaughton and the other children for they never have had it and they have all been exposed. The last letter from Mrs McNaughton was cheerful and as I have received not telegram from her ~~Mrs McNaughton~~ I am hopeful that the crisis is past. Mr McLachlan writes me that one of his English masters has gone to England and his burdens have very greatly increased. Doubtless Mr McLachlan has written you particulars. On receipt of this news I felt like starting

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for home. But until I received a premptory summons I felt I could not abandon Mr Chambers in the midst of his work. Of course if Mrs McNaughton or Mrs Mc~~Naughton~~ Lachlan had urged my coming I might feel that under the circumstances I ought to go but instead they never so much as hinted at my leaving Mr Chambers at present.

// We are now giving daily bread rations to five thousand in this city and wheat to seven thousand villagers on this plain We have committees at seven other points throughout the province. Roughly speaking we are now helping between forty and fifty thousand people. This will give you an idea of the relief work in this province. X

Mrs Chambers who is very much reduced in health and exceedingly nervous is soon to be confined. She will need a great deal of Mr Chambers' time and care from this time on. Under these circumstances I felt that nothing but the most urgent reasons should call me away from Erzroom. I wrote to Dr Reynolds presenting the case as strongly as I could and urged him to come and relieve me. Yesterday a telegram was received from him containing these two words: "Can't come." It seems clear that I must remain here a little longer. Let me congratulate you on the relief of the Board from debt. May the Lord's people now come forward with large gifts to make up the retrenchment is our prayer. Address as usual Manisa. Most sincerely yours.

J. P. McNaughton

Erzroom, Apr. 11. 1896.
Rec'd May 9.

Erzroom Apr 25th/96.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr Smith:-

Your letter of Mar 20th was duly received. I sent you a pretty full statement, of the present condition of things in these eastern provinces, two weeks ago. Our work of relieving the destitute goes regularly on increasing in volume. In this province we are now helping over 50.000 after rejecting thousands of applications As I wrote you before we are not attempting to relieve poverty, we are simply trying to keep people alive. Perhaps I cannot do better in this letter than give you a few concrete cases that we have examined within the last three days as illustrative of the present appalling state of the Christian population of this province. Let me assure you that these are not specially selected cases.

Yesterday a young man presented himself to us who had walked 90 miles through dangerous districts. Briefly his statement was this. There are 85 Armenian houses in our village, every one of which was plundered. A large number were massacred. The remainder were saved by embracing Islamism. An order from the Government, subsequently received, permitted us to return to the faith of our fathers. Fifteen families through fear of there Turkish neighbours have not yet renounced their recently adopted faith. My father and brother were killed. I escaped as by a miracle The massacre occured when the grain in our fields was ripe. We did not dare go out of our villages to reap it. The Koords came, divided the

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fields among themselves and harvested our crops as if they were their own. The present destitution is indescribable. Several have died of hunger. I left my wife and small children in the deepest want that I might come and lay before you the need of our village and that of three others as needy as ours.

Early this week 57 villagers from another district arrived. They represented eight villages. They came on foot the whole distance of about 75 miles. We have been sending relief to the villages in question. On asking them their errand, they replied, We have come to present our sad condition to you, and to appeal to the Governor for oxen, agricultural implements, and seed grain; but especially for protection from the lawless Kurds among whom we dwell. We are most thankful for your aid, without which many of us would have died of starvation. But now the Spring has come, and we have no seed to sow; and if we had, we have no oxen to plough the soil; and if we had, we have no ploughs; and if we had we have no harrows, and if we had all these, we would not dare go outside our village to our farms lest the Kurds fall upon us; and if we could sow our fields, we have no assurance that we would reap them; and if we had, we have no confidence that the Kurds would not make a sally upon us next Autumn and plunder us again. Is there no escape from this country? Is there no deliverer? We are willing to sacrifice our houses and lands, yes and the very clothes we have on if we can only find relief from this grinding need, oppression, anxiety, danger and insecurity.

On being asked to relate their experiences during the massacre one of their number said. Without any warning the Kurds swooped down upon our villags. On seeing them approach all but a few old, infirm persons fled to a hill just behind the village. Mothers grasped their babes to their bosoms, fathers and elder brothers and sisters taking the hands of younger members of the family mad a rush for the hill— Women and children often go barefooted about the house, so that many of our number were in that condition when the cry — Fly for your lives the Kurds are upon us— was heard. Many had nothing on but thin cotton garments. There was no time for any preparation. We thought of nothing but the safety of our lives. The weather was very cold and snow was falling. From the hill top could be heard the crying of suffering women and children by the residents of a neighbouring village.

After the Kurds had been busy for six hours carrying away our goods and driving off our cattle an officer from the local seat of government, a town six miles distant, arrived. He compelled the Kurds to vacate the village, then calling to us and assuring us that he had come to protect us, induced us to descend. He promised protection if we would deliver up our guns. We protested that we had no guns. He pressed his point. It was firmly denied that we had weapons of any kind. While this interview was being held the Kurds returned in large force, and threatened even the life of the officer. He informed us that he could protect us no longer, and advised us to fly for our lives. When we saw that there was no hope of safety we immediately scattered, some towards one village and some towards another, most of us taking the road for a village six miles away. It was then late in the evening, cold and snowy. We had to

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to trudge that long distance with our wives and children after nightfall. Our sufferings were indescribable. Several pregnant women aborted, young children died from exposure and very few if any escaped an attack of illness. Twelve of our number were killed by the Kourds. For ten days we did not dare to return to our villages. When we did return what a scene of desolation presented itself to us! Everything portable was gone; all live stock of every kind driven off. The very doors of our houses were carried away and in some cases the houses were pulled down and the timbers taken. They swept our houses clean – (an oriental phrase expressing the thoroughness with which the plundering was done) A man whom we know well and in whom we have perfect confidence, reports that two weeks after the pillage he spent a night in the village as he was travelling through the district, and in the whole village he could not find a cup of any kind with which to take a drink of water. He further reports that as all their bedding was gone, the villagers had to sleep in hay and straw, and as the doors of the houses had been carried away they were exposed through the long nights to the bitter wintry blasts. All were ill with colds and many have died since from the effects of the exposure.

The representitive from another village, after giving similar experiences of attack, flight, massacre, pillage, exposure suffering and present destitution ended his sad recital in these words:— Two of my nephews, grown up young men with wives and children, followed after the Kourds with the hope of recovering their sheep. We have never seen them since. The Kurds murdered them and threw their bodies into the river. Then the poor old man burst out into tears, and our hearts bled for him, and for the widows and fatherless children of these two brave young men.

Another man said — They killed my son, who left a wife and three children to me. With a choking voice he added — and I am old and I have nothing to feed them.

As we were listening to these sad recital of oppression and bloodshed a fine looking old man entered. From the respect and honour shown him it was evident that he was a man of importance. Before entering upon a review of his experiences let me give some fact about him that his neighbours supplied. He was the wealthiest and most influential man of the whole district. He owns a large block of land upon which is built a village of 25 houses. All the inhabitants of the village depend upon him for work. He sowed as much as 3000 bushels of grain in one season. He had accommodations for 50 or 60 travellers and his house was open to all comers. Let it be clearly understood that travellers and their horses received all they needed free of charge. This is according to the custom of oriental hospitality. After the ordinary civilities were exchanged, he was asked to narrate his recent experiences with the Kurds. You will permit me to pass over the attack, the flight of the villagers &c for the experience of the village given in some detail in the earlier part of this letter, is representative in a more or less degree of nearly all the villages of the district under consideration. He said. We are five brothers. Our whole family is composed of 50 souls. (The old patriarchal family life is still largely in vogue in the villages of eastern Turkey.) On the approach of the Kurds we fled and all our moveable property fell into their hands. What was your property composed of? Well he replied they drove off 1.200 sheep. But the Government had them returned did it not? Yes he replied – two were returned, a ram and a ewe. This magnanimous restitution provoked a smile all around. And what else did the Kurds take? They took 150 head of horned cattle including all my draft oxen. How many were returned? Just twelve. Anything else? Yes twelve horses. How many were returned? Not one. Was anything else taken? Why everything. There was not a cart, nor a plough, nor a harrow, nor a chain left. My house was swept clean, All my grain, winter provisions, household utensils, clothes and bedding were carried off. And with evident emotion he added. They killed my son a fine clever young man of twenty five years old. He left a wife and four children. We are now destitute. I have not a penny in my pocket. This coat I have on, I borrowed from a friendly Turk that I might make a respectable appearance in calling upon you.

And so the story goes! The narrators of these experiences are leading men in their villages. The truth of their statements we have fully confirmed. What could we say to these poor destitute people? Any words of comfort we might try to offer seemed idle mockery. After pointing them to the source of all comfort and consolation, we could only assure them of our sincere sympathy, and the altogether inadequate dole of wheat which we were able to afford

them from the charity of American and English friends.
To-morrow morning these 57 discouraged, hopeless men will start home on their return journey of 75 miles to meet hundreds of their fellow villagers, friends, wives and children who suffering the pangs of hunger and cold are hoping against hope that the return of the pilgrims will bring cheer and comfort.
Let your imagination picture the meeting.

I believe I wrote you that all our children have been ill since I left home. The baby had a bad attack of the small pox. You can imagine my anxiety when I heard this news. For neither of the other children, nor Mrs McNaughton had it and all were exposed. Last reports advise that the baby is better but will be very badly marked. Mrs McNaughton is thoroughly run down. Her nerves are sadly affected. I wrote through the Com-ad-interim to you requesting permission for Mrs McNaughton to return home this Summer and for me to accompany her if the interests of the work permit. Mrs McN has recently written that she does not feel equal to the task of going home alone with the four children so that just what we will be able to do is not yet certain. I was assured by some of the members of the Com-ad-interim that they would favour my application. Would you communicate with me as soon as possible advising me as to whether my application has met with the approval of the

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Prudential Committee. I know that it is not best to have so many members of a station absent at one time and I can assure you that nothing but ~~the~~ Mrs McNaughton's health induces me to ask for leave of absence. She will soon be eleven years in this country without furlough.

I must soon return to Smyrna and Manisa.. We have asked Mr Allen of Van to relieve me, and we are encouraged with the hope that he will.

Address. Smyrna.

Most sincerely yours.
James P. McNaughton.

P.S. If any of this letter should be used in a public way my name must be withheld for obvious reasons.

J.P.McN.

Dear Dr Smith:- It has occurred to me that if it seems best for us to go home this Summer, possibly Mr Bartlett could return to Smyrna this year and leave Miss Bartlett to return with us the year following. As I am not at present informed of his plans I can only make this as a suggestion.

Miss Bartlett - of course must on no consideration return till next year. Could you see Mr Bartlett and propose this if you think it wise. We will need information as soon as possible.

Most sincerely yours.
James P. McNaughton.

Erzroom, April 25, 1896

Rec'd May 23

Erzroom Apr 29th '96.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

In respect to Relief Work for this province I have nothing of importance to add to what I wrote last week. The number receiving aid is over 51.000 and the extent of our operations is limited only by the amount of money at our disposal. Two days since I had a long interview with a young man who came a distance of about 150 miles, and whose village is situated in one of the worst Kurdish centres of the country. Perhaps a record of some of his reports would give as good an idea of the condition of the Armenians in a large district of this province as any other representation could give. Sufficient reasons why names of individuals and places are supressed will readily occur to you.

He said — There are 60 houses of Kurds and 25 houses of Armenians in our village. Four years ago there were 55 houses of Armenians. During that period 30 Armenian families, on account of Kurdish oppression, have migrated. Those of us who remain would gladly leave our village and homes if we had any place to go to.

About two months ago a young childless widow, whose husband was killed in the recent Massacre, with her mother arrived in our village. They came from Bitlis, and were on their way to a village some distance farther in advance with the purpose of settling down with some relatives. They were our guests for three weeks while

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waiting for a suitable escort. Some of our Kurdish neighbours happening in one day saw this young woman and took a fancy for her, and immediately laid violent hands upon her. The ~~girl~~ young woman struggled and the mother and some of the members of our family pled and besought them to desist. I too did all I could to prevail upon the Kurds to abandon their design, at which they took great umbrage. Notwithstanding all our appeals they forced the young woman to accompany them. They brought her to the house of the village Hodja (their spiritual guide). Here every effort was employed to induce her to become a Moslem. Persuasion failing, they threatened; when threats proved unavailing, they submitted her to cruel torture. At length, seeing that resistence only added to her misery and suffering she reluctantly consented. She was then married to her captor, although he had a wife, and is now held in durance vile, not being permitted to leave the House. The poor mother almost mad with grief, goes about the village weeping and bewailing the sad fate of her daughter and utterly helpless to effect anything towards her relief. The Kurds now seek my life, because I dared raise my voice, protesting against the ~~g~~ young womans capture. I was compelled to flee. Leaving my wife and family of little children I escaped to a village 25 miles distant where I am now plying my trade — shoemaking —. I dare not go for my wife and children and I do not know how I am going to recover them.

It is quite a common thing for Kurds to impress Armenians into their service for which, of course, no remuneration is given. A case in point was given by the narrator of the above. Hrikor a young man was forcibly taken from the village in which he resided to our village. The distance between these villages is about 3 miles. He was set to work; but his life was rendered so miserable by faultfinding, beating and other forms of cruelty, and realizing that escape was impossible, he determined to end his troubles by becoming a Moslem. He applied to the proper authority, submitted to the rite of circumcision and became a Mohammedan. On the assurance of his apostacy the Kurds proposed that he send for his wife and persuade her to join him in his new faith. He replied that it would be impossible. She would not join him under the circumstances and if she should, she would not change her faith. They replied we will go and bring her and make a moslem of her. True to their word several men mounted and armed went to ~~the~~ her village and carried her with her 4 months old babe, forcibly ~~away~~. to ~~their~~ her husband. They proposed Islam to her, She rejected the proposal. They threatened her with death. She replied - You may cut me to pieces but I will not change my faith. They then beat her, but in vain. She stood firm by her convictions. Seeing that they could not prevail upon her they let her go. Taking her poor little child she wearily trudged home; Not however to be left in peace, for in a few days the Kurds came again and a second time carried her to their village. She was again tortured; Rifles were loaded in her presence and levelled at her. All their threats were in vain. There the poor, helpless woman, with her babe clasped to her bosom, standing in the presence of those coarse ruffians braved their cruelty for the faith she held so dear. At length one of the Kurds, more heartless than the others, brought his rifle down upon her back with such force

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that she fell forward upon her child and injured it so seriously that it soon died from the effects. She was again liberated and with a breaking heart she returned home. One would hope that such fortitude and fidelity might reasonably be rewarded by a season of peace; but such was not the case: The Kurds again returned to her village, again they forcibly carried her away, and she, poor, sad, hopeless, discouraged woman acceded to their demand, became a Moslem and joined her husband. You may ask why she did not escape to another village while she had the opportunity. The answer is simple and decisive. Women cannot travel alone through Kurdish districts and it would have been more than any man's life was worth to help her under the circumstances.

Continuing the young man said — During the recent massacres the inhabitants of a village, situated about 3 miles from Van Lake, seeing the Kurds approach their in large force, hastily abandoning everything they possessed, fled to the lake with the purpose of taking the boat for the city of Van. While on the way some Kurds noticing among them a particularly pretty girl made up their minds to possess themselves of her. The girl and her parents suspecting their design increased their speed. The Kurds following made their purpose so plain that there was no further doubt. As they neared the lake, the girl and her parents made a rush for the landing with the hope of boarding the boat and be saved. On reaching the shore imagine their dismay on finding that the boat had not arrived. The Kurds were almost upon them and as the girl saw no means of escape, she threw herself into the lake preferring death by drowning to life with dishonour. Her poor mother shortly afterwards died of grief and the bereaved husband and father became an imbicile. Two small sons and the father, ~~are all that remain~~ remnants of a once united, prosperous, family, are now destitute, depending on charity for a subsistence

He mentioned the case of another family in which there were two attractive looking girls. One of them was given in marriage to the son of a neighbour. On the third night after the marriage a band of Kurds forced an entrance into the house, seized the young bride and carried her off. A few nights later, the father's house was similarly entered. Him they bound hand and foot after which they seized the ~~girl~~ remaining daughter and bore her away with everything of value in the house.

But why need I continue he said. The subject is inexhaustible. Within 3 years, from our village alone, 12 girls have been forcibly abducted. But, I replied - Why do you not complain to the authorities? Complain! Why, we do not dare open our mouths. If Kurds enter our houses for the purpose of carrying off our wives or daughters, we fold our arms in helpless submission. We are in a worse condition than slavery. The Kurds use us as their ~~slave~~ tools. We are compelled to submit to every kind of imposition. Should we appeal to the authorities nothing would likely be gained. If an examination were instituted it would result in one of two things. The guilty would flatly deny the charge, or if the proof were too evident to admit of denial, they would reply that the girl became a Moslem of her own free will and that would settle the question so far as the poor girl was concerned, but not so far as her friends are concerned. The Kurds would wreak vengeance on the informants. Very probably they would be compelled to fly their village.

Quite recently one of the chief men of a distant village called upon us, and after presenting the dire need of his village, said. The Kurdish Bey of the village in passing an Armenian house seized a girl 12 years of age, who happened to be outside the door, and dragged her to his own house. The girl was an orphan, living with a married sister. I advised the man to prepare a petition and lay the facts before the Governor. I dare not he said. Why? Because I am afraid of the Bey. Well then let the married sister's husband take the matter in hand. He is also afraid. The fact is, there is no form of oppression that is not practised by the Kurds on the poor Armenians who dare not utter one word of protest.

I must now close this long letter written in spare moments.

Most sincerely yours.

James P. McNaughton.

Erzroom Apr. 29. 1896.
Rec'd June 5,

Smyrna June 25th/96.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Miss Harlow's departure for America early in the year reduced the regular staff of the Girls School, and increased the burdens of the ladies that remained to an unsafe extent. Her subsequent resignation leaves a place vacant in that should be filled as soon as possible. After her departure for America Miss Griswold of Broussa very generously came to the assistance of the ladies of the school and the happy manner in which she has been able to adapt herself to the work of the school, and the excellent quality of the service she has rendered, makes us unanimous in the desire that she become a permanent member of our station.

Miss Griswold has indicated a willingness to consider favourably an invitation to remain in Smyrna and as there is little prospect of her return to Broussa, and as the need in Smyrna is so real and urgent we make this application with a good deal of hope that the Prudential Committee will consider the appointment of Miss Griswold to the Smyrna Girls School a happy solution of the difficulty.

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You have been advised that for reasons of health Miss Mellinger has been compelled to retire from her work in the Central Turkey Mission. Last September she joined the Smyrna Station temporarily, and has been engaged in Bible Work and Armenian Relief Work since.

For many years we have felt the great need of an American Bible Woman in our station. There has been no lady whose duties permitted her to engage in work of that character to any great extent. The need is a real and pressing one. The opportunities for work are innumerable and the recent, and continual arrival of Armenians from the interior, due largely to the late disturbances, opens a wide and hopeful field for an earnest Bible Worker.

In view of this need it was the purpose of the station to apply to the Prudential Committee for the permanent appointment of Miss Mellinger to Bible Work in the Smyrna Field. But later it was ascertained that unless Mrs Seelye was transferred to a less rigorous climate than that of Constantinople, she would be compelled on account of the health of her son, Paul, to return to America. Her efficiency as a worker being fully recognized, it was felt that this would be very unfortunate. It was suggested that if she should come to Smyrna and Miss Mellinger should join Miss Gleason in her work in Constantinople the requirements of the case would be happily met. On the question being broached to the ladies a favorable response was given by both. Therefore we would respectfully petition the Prudential Committee to take into consideration the transfer of Mrs Seelye to Smyrna. An invitation to Mrs Seelye through the Constantinople station will be immediately forwarded.

On behalf of the Station
James P. McNaughton

This letter has been read to the Com. ad Int. The matters involved have been duly considered and it has not been thought wise to disturb Miss Mellinger in a hopeful relation and work with Smyrna Station. Mrs Seelye is now favorably considering an invitation to Caesarea, and will not, probably, in any case think it best to go to Smyrna.

George F. Herrick

Bible House
July 10. 1896

Smyrna, June 25, 1896.

Rec'd July 24.

Miss Mellinger

Smyrna July 24th/96.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr Smith;-

It is now more than six weeks since I arrived home from Erzroom. They have been very busy weeks. I found Mr McLachlan practically overwhelmed with heaped up work. What with station reports, semi annual accounts, school examinations Commencement exercises and general missionary work there has been little time for correspondence. Now, however, we have the upper hand of the rush and will be able to find time for letter writing.

I am glad to be able to report that I found Mrs McNaughton, though much pulled down, in excellent spirits. The children too after their siege of small pox, bronchitis and diphtheria were better than I expected. We have great reason to thank a kind, loving Heavenly Father for all his goodness to us during our separation.

We were a little disappointed that no permission came for a furlough, and somewhat surprised that our application has never been even noticed. However we know the Lord leads and the duty of remaining on the ground seems perfectly clear now.

We have found a beautiful house with extensive grounds in one of the suburbs of Smyrna where we will have an excellent rest. Since coming here Mrs McNaughton and the Children are

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much benefitted. We seem to have been providentially led here for the place was offered us by a young American druggist who rented it for one year. He retains a room and lives in our family. Miss Lawrence too is with us, and we expect that Misses Saunders and Griswold will join us later.

In regard to our regular work, I may say that looking over the whole field we have much to encourage and nothing of a specially discouraging nature. The pastors from the outstations, that we have been unable to visit, for some time, ~~at~~ write most hopefully and some of them even enthusiastically.

The longer I am in the mission field the more I am impressed with the absolute untrustworthiness of statistics as records of results. I am positive that the most substantial results in the Smyrna field cannot be tabulated. The general levelling up of the vast communities in the old Christian churches here, an undoubted result of missionary enterprise, is to me the most hopeful feature of the work. Now this has its evident encouraging side but it has also its gloomy side. While the effect for which we are striving, the evangelization of Turkey, is taking place along broad lines, the accessions to the Protestant ranks are so few that self support for which both you at home and we abroad are striving is not very hopeful. Indeed this year's chapter of Turkish history has removed this result indefinitely if it has not made it an impossibility. Now the question arises. Are the American Christians prepared to deal generously with a work that I believe is most successful although its results are not now apparent in proportion to their effect upon the people we have come to help?

I am sure you are sick tired of the question of retrenchment. It is a bitter pill to all of us, but thanks be to our loving Master it has been sugar coated for us in a way we could hardly anticipate. Of course we have had to cut down but through generous friends we are glad to report that not one pastor will need to retire from his work and the whole machinery of our station will run full time till the end of this year. I am sure you will rejoice with us in this. We still need about $120 but our faith is equal to more than that. We are positive it will come and if it does not come from abroad, I am sure the Lord will show us how we may all economize to the extent of meeting this amount.

We are now oppressed with another question. Refugees from plundered regions are now coming to Smyrna in rather alarming numbers. It is surprising to us all how they manage to leave their interior homes for there are the strictest orders from Constantinople to prevent Armenians leaving their homes. However there are no orders in this country that a little gold cannot abrogate. Many of those arriving are destitute having given their all to officials in securing their passports. We know of one young lady who gave $17.60 for a travelling passport when the ordinary price is 20.¢

Quite a number of these are Protestant brethren. We are at our wits end to know what to do with them. They must be clothed and fed and provided with work. We have no money for any of these purposes. The clothing Mr Bartlett sent will come in good. If you are in touch with any who are collecting for the suffering Armenians I wish you would call their attention to our need here. If we can only start some of these people to work it will relieve to some extent the need in the interior. And as many of these are young men they will help their destitute friends in the interior if they can earn anything here.

We are very glad to hear of the improvement in the health of Miss Bartlett. I am sorry we cannot take as hopeful a view of her early complete recovery as her physician. We would all deprecate their return before the Autumn of 1897. Her medical advisers here who have studied her case and temperament for years would I have no question bear us out in this. In fact one of them recently expressed himself very fully on the subject. He feels that they should not return before the time suggested above. However the Lord will guide.

Mrs McNaughton unites with me in kindest regards to Mrs Smith & yourself.

Very sincerely yours.

J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna, July 24, 1896
Rec'd Aug. 14

Smyrna Sept 11th/96.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr Smith;-

Your letter of Aug 22nd has been received. I hasten to reply, especially, for one reason.
When I wrote you last Spring about our going home for a year I suggested that possibly Mr Bartlett could leave Miss Bartlett ~~at~~ with her friends and come out and relieve us. The grounds upon which I made that suggestion were the following.
1st Mrs McNaughton's need of a rest and change. Before I went to Erzroom she was reduced in strength and nerve to a perrilous point. The Dr of the Scotch mission, who knows her well, on more than one occasion remarked that she was in very much need of a rest. You will recall that while I was in Erzroom small pox invaded

our home and all the children fell victims t This was followed in the case of one by bronchitis in the case of another by dipth For six weeks Mrs McNaughton did enjoy an undisturbed night of rest. On o or two occasions her strength completely fai her. She feels that the Lord gave her specia strength for that trial.

Fearing what the consequences of this strai might lead to, I wrote suggesting that per Mr Bartlett might come out to Smyrna an leave Miss Bartlett to accompany us back to Turkey the following year.

2nd. I was led to make this suggestion on account of the very favourable reports ma by Miss Bartletts physician. If her progress to health was so rapid as he assur her, I felt that by the end of August, th time when Mr Bartlett would need to start for Turkey, Miss Bartlett could go t her friends in Springfield and recuperat there. However the Lord knew best for us all.

We have now no thought of going home before the end of next June so that there would seem no need of separating the Bartletts; for they would not need to start before the end of next August, when it would probably be perfectly safe for Miss Bartlett to return to Turkey. You may have noticed their perfect devotion. We think that nothing but the direst necessity should separate them, and as no such need, now exists it would seem better not to ask Mr Bartlett to return until next Autumn.

In respect to ~~our~~ the necessity of our proposed furlough I might remark that it will be twelve years next July since Mrs McNaughton left America, and it will be ten next Sept since I left. I mention these future dates because our furlough will not commence till next year. During these periods neither of us has been outside of Turkey.

The chief reason why I request a furlough is for the sake of Mrs McNaughton who is in great need of a rest and change. As I suggested last Spring I would gladly remain an let Mrs McNaughton and the children go w -out me; but she does not feel equal to the undertaking with the four children ~~without m~~ unless I accompany her. I do not think I nee add anything more on this question.

I understand that a paper on "The Orphans of Asiatic Turkey" has been forwarded to the Prudential Committee. A copy has been sent our station requesting us to forward our views on the subject. Let me say very briefly that we unanim concur with the views of Dr. Dwight on this very important subject. In view of the financial outloo his faith is admirable. If the A.B.C.F.M. co take up this work *in an energetic way* the resu will be incalculable. If not, very probably the Jesuits will; and they will thus reap, much of the fruits of half a century of Protestant Missions, and of some hundreds of thousands of dollars contributed t the starving of this country by Protestant Christia

A former pastor of our Smyrna Church, Revd Marderos Ignadiossian, and recently of Nicomedia, spent a few weeks here this Summer with his family,– his wife and children came here last year that they might escape a probable massacre that threatened Nicomedia.

Mr Ignadiossian on his way back to his field of labour arrived in Constantinople while the recent deplorable massacre was in progress. He very wisely beat a hasty retreat, boarded a French steamer bound for Marseilles. America is his destination. He hopes to find work under Dr Hitchcock as an evangelist among the Armenians of America. He requests that we write you a recommendation that you might give Dr Hitchcock if he should apply for it.

Mr Ignadiossian is a man of mature years and of long and varied experience in Christian work. He is an indefatiguable worker, a man of fair culture and of good mental ability, capable of doing a good work. He has a good presence and is dignified in bearing. This last element with a slight preponderance of the quality of self esteem have been the flies in the ointment.

He is very fertile in plans that do not always appeal to the best judgment of others.

He is a man whom we all esteem and we would be delighted if some form of christian work suitable to his abilities were found for him. At the present time he deserves the sympathy of all christians.

What I have written will be regarded in confidence except in so far as it may be helpful in procuring work for him.

Mr Lawrence arrived yesterday in good health and spirits. We were glad to welcome him to our circle and can assure of plenty of work.

We are daily awaiting important developments from the Capital. That an ultimatum of some significance has been presented to the Sultan there seems no ground for doubt, but just what is its nature no one seems to know.

Very sincerely yours.

James P. McNaughton

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Rec'd Oct. 2

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Smyrna Nov 20th /96

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston

Dear Dr Smith,-

Your recent letter, advising me that action of a favourable kind has been taken on my application for a furlough, has been received.
Permission to come to America has not yet been received, but doubtless your letter advising that such permission has been sent, will be sufficient in itself without further official action on the matter.

My chief object in writing at this time is to ask your attention to a need in connection with the American staff of teachers in the Girls School.

At the present time only one member of the staff is at all sure of being in the school next year, that is Miss McCallum.

You will doubtless have heard from the ladies of the sudden departure of Miss Pohl on account of her mothers death.

We have not heard from her since her arrival in Dresden, but we have no expectation that she will return this year and perhaps not at all.

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Miss Griswold's parents, especially Mrs Griswold, has been urging her to return home, and while she herself would willingly stay, and while she is assured of the unanimous desire of the Station that she should remain permanently, she feels that her parents have a very strong claim upon her, and if a substitute could be found she would feel it was God's will that she should return to America. However in the event of failure to secure a suitable teacher she would consider the interests of the school of paramount importance and remain another year.

Miss Laurence very definitely purposes to sever her connection with the school at the end of the present school year, if not before that. The reasons she presents are so cogent that we cannot ask her to remain longer. She will doubtless write you in detail before very long.

Now while Miss McCallum fully intends to return next year, the condition of her health makes us solicitous and we very strongly feel that she should be sustained by a full corps of associates. The school is growing in a marvellous way. There are this year over 170 in attendance. and applications for admission are still being presented.

We understand that Miss Smith who was a member of this station a few years since, and who won our respect ~~to~~ on account of her ability, efficiency and earnest purpose, might be prevailed upon to return to Turkey. She would be most heartily welcomed back by us all. Might we suggest your opening up a correspondence with her.

The disturbed state of the country has prevented me from making an extensive tour of the field this autumn; but from all the outstations favourable reports are frequently received.

In great haste,

Very sincerely yours

In behalf of the Station

J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna, Nov. 20, 1896. 54

Rec'd Dec. 11.

Smyrna Mar 8th/97.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston,
Dear Dr Smith:-

Your letter of Dec 11th was duly received. I fully sympathise with you in your feeling regarding the Smyrna Girls School. It has indeed been before you for years and mostly always in need of reinforcement. Were it not for the excellent work it is accomplishing we would become impatient. But one witnessing its steady healthful growth in influence and numbers feels that it is worthy all sympathy. There are now 170 pupils on its register and I believe the quality of the work done is of the best. Mr McLachlan has advised you of the return of Miss Pohl. This has very materially affected the situation; and yet we hope that Miss Lawrence' place will be filled before the beginning of the next school year.

As Mr McLachlan gave you so full an account of the present condition of our work in

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Smyrna I need not repeat.

The reports from the outstations are uniformly hopeful. I visited Manisa and Ak Hissar recently and found much of a very encouraging nature. In Ak. Hissar the congregation is small, but there is an excellent school of 44 pupils. In Manisa the evangelistic work is enjoying a steady healthful growth, while the schools are winning an ~~excellent~~ enviable reputation. Taking the Greek and Armenian schools in aggregate, we have under instruction 150 boys and girls. This a much larger number that ever attended our schools in Manisa before.

I write at this time, especially to express the gratitude of Mrs McNaughton and myself to the Prudential Committee for their kind permission to u to visit America this year.

After very careful consideration we have decided to postpone our furlough and that for the following reasons

1st The health of Mrs McNaughton and children is much better than it was last year.

2nd A very interesting work among the Armenian women, of the suburb of Smyrna where we now reside, has opened, and Mrs McNaughton feels that anything causing an interruption to that work in its incipiency, is to be deprecated. As there is no house in the neighborhood except ours, where meetings could be held, the work would have to be abandoned if we should leave.

3rd The house we now occupy has been such a blessing to the health of Mrs McNaughton and the children we are reluctant to abandon it.

4th The financial condition of the Board is not such as to encourage us to cause an expenditure that can reasonably be avoided.

This last suggests the present financial condition of our Station. The appropriations received some time since caused us great anxiety. For the last three or four years we have been carrying work much greater than the appropriations received from the Board would warrant. We have been able to meet large deficiencies by appealing to friends, but these appeals were made, and this work carried on in the hope that the Board's income would increase, and in making these efforts we were ~~keeping~~ tiding over an emergency that better financial days would terminate. Manifestly we cannot expect these same friends to come to our rescue continually. We know that their regular donations to mission work are most generous; and some of them belong to denominations that cannot be included in the constituents of our Board; so that to make annual appeals to these same friends seems to us to be using our position in a way in which we are hardly justified.

Now our appropriations this year are about $1600.^{00}/_{100}$ less than is needed to carry on the work now actually on hand, and this work has already been so far retrenched that it cannot reasonably admit of further curtailment. There is no use presenting the situation to our pastors and teachers. In the case of most of them their salaries are at present too small. ~~to xxx~~ We would gladly increase some of them if we could. In the present crisis of this country it would be cruel to dismiss a man with a family. This apart altogther from the disastrous effect on the Lord's work in this field. You are probably aware that work now abandoned in Turkey, especially educational work, will hardly be resumed again. The Government seems bent on killing our work by degrees if it cannot in one grand effort rid the country of those pestilent fellows - the American Missionaries.

The absolute necessity of holding every point now in hand is paramount. Yet if the present reduction is applied to outstations alone, we would need to close nearly all our work outside of Smyrna. It seems impossible to curtail any of our regular work in this city. It has already been reduced beyond the limits of true economy. What then in this crisis can we do? Would the Prudential Committee favour an appeal through the Missionary Herald?

Could you suggest some method by which we could meet the deficiency?

Most sincerely yours.

J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna, March 8, 1897.

Rec'd Apr. 26.

Smyrna April 6th/97

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr. Smith:-

On a recent visit to the city of Ödemish, I was very deeply impressed with the need of a permanent place of worship. The property now occupied is admirably suited for present necessities, and there is room for expansion if further building accommodation is called for.

The place now occupied comprises a house for the pastor, and a large room, specially built by the owner, for school and preaching purposes.

It is an exceedingly difficult matter to find, in Ödemish a house suitable for these various demands. The discomforts and inconveniences of past years make us very reluctant to abandon our present quarters, yet the owner has put the property on the market and therefore we are likely soon to lose it.

The brethren of Ödemish are so impressed with the

necessity of securing this property for permanent use that they have shown a degree of liberality that must mean great self sacrifice.
The property can probably be purchased for T.£ 200 that is $880. The brethren are willing to make themselves responsible for T.£ 50 that is $220. Anyone knowing the condition of these brethren would be surprised at the generosity of this offer.

¶ At present we are paying an annual rental of T.£ 25. that is $110. Eight years rent would cover the market value of the property.
The proposal is that the brethren contribute T.£ 50 if the A.B.C.F.M. contributes T.£ 150 that is simply paying six years rent in advance. There can be no question of the economical wisdom of the proposal. It is not an unusual thing to rent a property several years in advance if an advantage can thus be secured. We are now using a building for the Boys' School that we have rented for 5 years. If the above proposal is favoured the advantages secured are important. In the first place the worry, trouble, and uncertainty of moving to other quarters are avoided.

2nd. The people of Eodemish will become impressed with

the fact that our work means permanency.
3rd We become possessed of an excellent property, in good condition on advantageous terms.
Trusting that is proposal will meet with a favourable response. I remain in behalf of the station

Most sincerely yours.
James P. McNaughton.

This application was endorsed by the Com. ad Int. in meeting held this day, on the understanding that the appropriation is for advance rent for six years
Geo. F. Herrick
Bible House Consple.
May. 3d. 1897

Smyrna, April 6 - 1897

Rec'd May 17

Smyrna Apr 14th/97

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr Smith:-

Since my letter of March, in which I pointed out reasons why we feel we should not go to America this year, Mrs McNaughton has developed symptoms that has caused us some anxiety. Her physician prescribes rest and change but feels that if she could spend the Summer in Europe she would probably be fit to resume her work in the Autumn.

Miss McCallum is just recovering from nervous prostration caused chiefly by the great strain borne by her during the latter part of December and January, when several of the boarding pupils were attacked by typhoid fever. The doctor insists that she should have a thorough rest. His prescription for her is the same as that for Mrs McNaughton.

I therefore in behalf of the station request that Mrs McNaughton and Miss McCallum be permitted to spend part of the coming Summer in Europe; and further that a sum of money not exceeding T.£30. each be granted by the Board to defray the necessary expenses in connection with this furlough.

It is with great regret that we feel called upon to make this request but the necessity of the case seems to warrant it.

In behalf of the station
Most sincerely yours.
J. P. McNaughton.

Smyrna, April 14-1897
Rec'd May 17

Endorsed by Com. ad Int., May 3d, 1897.
Geo. F. Herrick

Smyrna Aug 25th 97

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.
Dear Dr Smith:-

I write at the present time to call your attention to a matter of business. Last year Miss Mellinger left a balance of her salary in the Station treasury, but as there was not appropriation made for her salary through our station, I naturally did not charge this balance till it was drawn. Miss Mellinger left this balance L.T. $41\frac{38}{100}$ in the treasury of the station till early this year. I charged the amount in the June statement. Mr Peet replies, "You charge balance of Miss Mellinger's salary L.T. $41\frac{38}{100}$. As this is for 1896, the accounts for which year are closed, it will require a special explanation. You had best take this up direct with Boston and ask for a credit to be sent you". I regret the necessity of troubling you with this. I do not think the ladies will object to the payment of this sum. Mrs McNaughton, as you are aware, has been in England for the Summer. She attended the Keswick Convention for Christian workers and enjoyed it very much. She has travelled about somewhat visiting friends and writes enthusiastically about the delightful vacation she is having. She expects to come home soon. Misses McCallum, Pohl and Griswold are in Austria and also write that they are having a very restful Summer. We are now in the midst of repairs & cleaning of the schools preparatory t opening the first of October. The prospects for t future in all departments of our work were never brig The reports from the outstations are uniformly hopeful and some of them most inspiring. The progress of our schools is very marked and th financial outlook is most encouraging.

I may say roughly, without going into details a the present, that not 1/3 of the money expended in o regular work comes from the Board. You know quite well in what disfavour the Smyrna Statio was a few years ago on account of its financial standing? You will remember that we had to fight year after year for every concession granted. I think that without any boasting except in the marvellous grace of a loving Father we can point to such financial statistics as no ~~oth~~ other mission station in Turke can. This too has been accomplished amid an increas poverty and a decreasing confidence in the future of t country. I trust you will make no mistake and imagine that our exchequer is overflowing. By no means. The cut down in appropriations by the Board this year was about $\$1640^{00}$ of the amount necessary to carry on the year's work. We have been able to secure most of this by special appeals to friends of the work outside of the constituents of the Board. The Lord has most wonderfully honoured very weak and wavering faith.

I wish further to say that in the statement made about our Station's financial standing I do not include gifts by friends. We have received this last year from native sources more than twice the appropriation made for regular work by the Board.

I write this that you may rejoice with us in the favouring smile of God.

Very sincerely and faithfully yours

J. P. McNaughton.

Smyrna, Aug. 25, 1897

Recd Sept. 13

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Smyrna Oct 12th /97

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your letter of Sept 24th was received yesterday.

A station meeting was called in the afternoon to consider the question presented by your communication.

After very full and frank deliberation it was unanimously decided that we would hail with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction Miss Lord's return to our midst; and further, that while we all very heartily regret Miss Griswold's decision to leave a position that she has filled with such devotion and ability for two years; we are delighted in the prospect that one whom we esteem so highly may be invited to take her place.

In behalf of the Station
Very sincerely yours.
J. P. McNaughton

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Dear Dr Smith:-

We feel that you ought to know something of the nature of the discussion that ensued during our station meeting, and in case you might desire to send the resolution, passed, to Miss Lord I pass onto this second half of the sheet. The preliminary question asked was; would Miss Lord, in the event of her return to the Girls' School, expect to assume her old position of directress?

The answer given to that question may be summed up thus. If the position of directress were vacant there would be no hesitation in cordially inviting Miss Lord to fill it. Her past successful services are remembered and very fully appreciated by those of us who were members of the station at the time she occupied that position. But as Miss McCallum has filled that trust with very marked efficiency for over four years, it is our feeling that she should continue as directress and Miss Lord be invited to take Miss Griswold's place. This point is emphasised in that possible misunderstandings may be fully avoided.

It has been suggested, that if the Prudential Committee should deem it wise Miss Lord might come to Smyrna in the near future. There are unlimited opportunities at the present time here for Bible Women. And as this is a department of work that Miss Lord especially enjoys she could find ample scope for her energies in a most promising and fruitful work.

Before closing this letter I should like to say for myself, and I feel that I am expressing, at the same time, the sentiments of the other members of our circle, that Miss Mills has made a most favourable impression. She seems to have brought to her work, just those qualities that will be sure to make her a most useful teacher and christian worker.

Our schools are now well under way. Never have they opened with brighter prospects for a good year. I am glad to be able to report every department of our work as in a healthy promising condition.

Faithfully yours
J. P. McNaughton

Smyrna, Oct. 12, 1894.
Rec'd Nov. 1.

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American Mission

Smyrna November 26th. 1897. 1

Rev. Judson Smith. D. D.
Boston, America.

Dear Dr Smith:-'

Your letter of Sept 13th, in answer to mine respecting a part od Miss Mellinger's salary still due her, has been received. It seems that my letter did not make the matter as clear as was necessary. The salary asked for was due Miss Mellinger before she went to England. You may recall that the decision of Miss M's location was for a long time in doubt. It was not clear whether she belonged to Smyrna or to Aintab. Until last year I occasionally received accounts from Dr Fuller. Her salary was not transferred from Aintab Station so that I received it for her through Mr Peet. The balance for which I applied remained on my books until this year, although it really belonged to 1896. I applied to Mr Peet for this balance when I sent in my accounts in June of this year. Mr Peet threw out the item because his transactions with the treasurer of the Board for 1896 had been finished. He advised me to apply directly ~~with~~ to you; hence my former letter to you on the subject. It is not a question of lapsed salary. It is part of Miss Mellinger's salary that I have paid and it now stands on the debit side of my books.

I trust the matter is now fully understood.

Your letter, advising us of the action of the Prudential Committee, respecting Miss Mellinger's remaining for a further period of time in England, and of the further action respecting Miss Griswould and Miss Lord, has been received. So long as Miss Mellinger's presence is so imperatively needed in England the Prudential could hardly come to any other decision. We shall heartily welcome Miss Lord back if she should be guided to take up work here again. We followed with deep interest the annual meeting of the Board. The change of presiding officers was of the greatest importance. It will be a difficult matter for the new officers to fill the places of the noble men who have retired. May the Lord them all needed grace. Some of the papers read impressed us deeply especially your masterly presentation of missionary fact.

We are looking for a brighter outlook financially. The hard pressure of late years has been most trying. We trust that the Lord has better days in store for us.

In haste.

Very sincerely yours

J. P. McNaughton.

Smyrna, Nov. 26, 18

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American Mission

Smyrna Mar. 26th. 1898.

Rev'd Judson Smith. D. D.

Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

In a recent letter from Mr Bartlett he advised us that Miss Smith might be induced to come to Smyrna to fill Miss Griswould's position, soon to be vacant. Of course the understanding being that she would come with the view of devoting her life to Mission work.

Yesterday a station meeting was called to consider this and other matters. During our discussion we were led to understand that a younger sister of Miss Mc. Callum contemplated offering herself to foreign mission work. I view of this it was decided to mention the two names to you, that you might correspond with them. You are doubtless aware of our high estimate of Miss Smith's ability and we would hail her return with great pleasure. We also know what excellent missionaries the Mc. Callums make and would be glad to add one more to our circle.

Miss Mc Callum's address is,

Miss Edith Mc. Callum,

Queens University. Kingston. Ontario Canada.

I am not so sure of Miss Smith's address, but a letter sent in care of Mr Bartlett, 61 Massasoit Street Springfield would find her.

Whoever comes should be able to teach vocal music. This, I believe, the ladies consider a necessary qualification.

At the same meeting Miss Saunders gave in her resignation to take effect on Jan. 1st. 1899 if Miss Bartlett comes back before that date. If she does not come back before that date, then to take effect at the end of the school year, i e; July 1st 1899.

The reasons Miss Saunders urges are family ones so that the station does not feel like urging her to remain longer.

This decision of Miss Saunders brings us face to face with a situation that is not a new one to the members of this station, i e; of appealing for a young lady to fill a vacancy in contemplation. In view of Miss Bartlett's health we feel strongly that she should not be compelled to bear heavy burdens on her return, or shortly after her return. To us it seems advisable that a lady should come out this Autumn, that she might have an opportunity of learning the situation fully, before being compelled to assume full responsibility.

Might we advise correspondence with Miss Bartlett on this subject, ?.

I am glad to report all well although there is a great deal of sickness in the city at the present time.

As Mr Mc. Lachlan has so recently written you concerning the work of this field I need not say anything on that point at the present time.

In behalf of the Station,

Most sincerely yours,

James P. McNaughton

Rev. James P. McNaughton
Smyrna, Mch. 26 1898
Rec'd April 18

Smyrna Dec 1st 1898.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

In a letter recently received from Mr McLachlan, we are advised that you desire stational sanction to his proposal to raise funds for the further equipment of our Boys' School.

I can assure you of our entire sympathy with Mr McLachlan in his purpose, and would hope that every encouragement be afforded him in his efforts to secure funds absolutely necessary for the present and future well being of the school.

Echoes of the favourable impression made by him at the Annual Meeting have reached us, and while we fully appreciate the danger of special appeals diverting funds from the regular channels of the Board's supplies, we feel sure that Mr McLachlan will be discrete, and while the impression made at the Annual Meeting is fresh the opportunity for collecting money to meet urgent needs should not be neglected.

I am pleased to be able to report a very hopeful year. The school is more than full and new applicants almost daily present themselves. Our class room accommodation is utterly inadequate to the demands made upon them. We are compelled to use the dining room and other very unsuitable rooms for a good part of each day. Unless we are able to add at least three new class rooms to our present accommodations before the next school year our work will be greatly hampered.

If this were an institution that derived its support largely from the Board we could not with so much cogency urge special consideration for Mr McLachlan's scheme of putting the school on a more satisfactory basis but when it is practically self supporting we feel that we have a strong claim on the Board's giving Mr McLachlan a pretty free hand in securing much needed funds. As Miss McCallum has doubtlessly written you about the excellent prospect for the Girls' School and Miss Saunders for the Kindergarten and as Mr Bartlett will report concerning the Evangelistic department of the work it is not necessary for me to write at further length.

Very sincerely yours

J. H. McNaughton

Most heartily approved

Lyman Bartlett

Voted to endorse this letter. At the same time we would express the hope which the letter contains, that the resources available for our work in hand at the several stations, equally promising and important, may not be made to suffer in order to build up this excellent and successful work.

George F. Herrick
Sec. W. T. mission

Bible House Dec. 5. 1898.

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Smyrna, Dec. 1, 1898.

Rec'd Dec. 19.

their Bibles in their hands.

The Greek evangelical pastor, Mr Moschos, left Smyrna last week with the purpose of visiting Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said &c. His object is to preach the gospel. The indications are that large numbers in these centres are open to the consideration of the claims of the gospel. A letter received from him indicate a good deal of encouragement.

We are anticipating a visit from two English evangelists soon. Mr Grubb who visited us some years ago, and Mr Millard, whose work was so wonderfully blessed last year in the Harpoot field. They are now in Constantinople, Mrs Millard accompanies them.

We are looking forward with much pleasure and some anxiety to our furlough. ~~Aft~~ After the Board's approval of our application of two years ago I do not suppose that it is necessary to make formal application again. If so would you kindly consider this letter as such. I have no question of the approval of all in the mission.

Our plan is to go home by Montreal, visit my friends, then go to Providence where many of Mrs Mc Naughton's friends reside, and be present at the Annual Meeting of the Board. We have so far no further plans.

We want to spend the year where the cold is not intense and where educational advantages are possible. Neither Mrs Mc Naughton nor I have friends with whom we could spend the year, so that we must make arrangements for setting up housekeeping somewhere.

I notice by the manual that the Board allows travelling expenses to destinatio

Now we do not know where our destination may be ; but before we reach it we intend to visit our friends. What expenses Might we hope ~~that~~ the Board would be willing to meet ?.

The financial question is one that I approach with reluctance and would rather not refer to it, but a clear understanding would help us to make plans. Our full and prayerful sympathy is with you all in this trying time. The financial outlook is disheartening. May the good Lord give you all strength for the awful burdens your are called upon to bear.

The future for our outstation work is a dark one. We have for the last three years been dependent upon sources outside of the Board and its constituents for much of the money spent in our outstations, but we cannot depend on these sporadic gifts. We are in debt from last year ~~now~~, and recently reported appropriations do not come within several hundred pounds of our needs for ~~next~~ this year; just what we are going to do God alone knows.

With kindest regards from all the members of our circle,

I remain most sincerely yours,

J. P. McNaughton

P.S. On Feb 25th Mrs McNaughton
gave birth ~~to~~ our first son.
J.P.McN

Rev. J. P. McNaughton,

Smyrna, March 30. 1899.

Rec'd Apr. 17.

Rev. J. P. McNaughton
Smyrna May 20th
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Rec'd June 5

Revd Judson Smith. D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

Your very kind letter re our furlough has been received and the generous sentiments expressed very fully appreciated.

In my last letter I expressed to you our anxiety concerning our place of abode while in America.

I suppose a house could easily be found but the furnishing of it even in the most modest way would probably be beyond our power.

We have been in correspondence with friends respecting furnish houses, but the addition of furnitu very heavily enhances the rent.

I also indicated in my letter that both on account of Mrs Mc Naughton's health and the fac that the children were all bor in this hot climate, our desire was that residence in the cold northern states or Canada should be avoided if possibl

Mrs Mc Naughton has been in correspondence with Miss Lor of Erzroom and in one of her lett mentioned our desire to live in the South. She at once replied that two of her sisters lived in Winter Park Florida and she would immediately write them on the question.

The result is a letter received last evening from Miss F. E. Lord

She writes. "There is a nice pleasant cottage with broad verandas near u

It is owned by one of the ladies of the College. It seems to us to be just what you would want. It is furnished and and you would need to provide only table and bed ~~linen~~ linen & silver and that is all. The rent is $150 for the year; She would not rent it by the month.

The owner is Miss Lawson ~~Sister~~ Cousin of Dr Lawson President of the A.B.C.F.M." "Excellent educational advantages for the children"

Now Dr Smith this seems exactly what we want and we were greately tempted to write at once and secure it as it may not be available later. However we desired your advice on the question and also some information on what it would cost to travel from Providence to Winter Park and further might we hope that the Board would consider that our destination.

So far our ~~plan~~ itinerary would be. Smyrna England - Montreal. Providence Winter Park. I do not think this would cost the Board more than if our home were in California for instance.

Miss Lord of Erzroom, while mentioning no figures assures us that going by wate would not be expensive.

If you consider this plan feasib might I request you to wire to Mis Lamson and secure the cottage fo us.

Her address is.

Miss Eva. S. Lamson
Winter Park.
Florida

Miss Lord~~s~~ advises us to correspon directly ~~to~~ with Miss Lamson for the would be leaving for the North before our letter would reach the

Most sincerely yours

I. P. McNaughton

Rev. J. P. McNaughton
American Collegiate Institute
Smyrna, (Turkey) May 31st 1899

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Rec'd June 16

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

I wrote you last week re a house in Winter Park. If you have not engaged the house in question I should like to ask about certain furnished cottages in Andover that are let to missionaries. The Chambers of Erzroom have just passed through on their way to Adana

In discussing our plans with them they called our attention to the fact that in Andover there were Cottages available for Missionaries at a reasonable rate.
If so this would suit us much better than going so far south as Florida. The educational advantages would be excellent and the climate would not be so severe as in Canada.
I regret adding any burden to your present load but your uniform kindness & courtesy makes me bold to increase my

Might we urge you to bring her case before the proper authorities immediately with the hope that may be taken before it is too late.

Mrs McNaughton joins in kindest regard.

Very faithfully yours.
J. P. McNaughton.

obligation to you.

If a furnished cottage in Ando at a reasonable rate of rent is available or will be by Sept or Oct, - and if you have not already engaged the cottage in Winter Park - might I ask you to engage it for us. In case both these plans ar infeasible, have you any suggestions to offer.?

We hear the very highest tribut to Miss Platt's Christian Charact and ability. She seems just the one for our girls school. She write that she has filed her application to the Board some months ago and is surprised that no notic has been taken of it.

We feel very anxious here lest she feels compelled to accept another position before she hears from th Woman's Board and she be lost to th work as Miss Smith was last yea

Rev. J. P. McNaughton
London

Foreign Missions Club
July 17th 1899
Rec'd Aug. 7

Revd Judson Smith. D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith:-

We arrived here on Saturday after 14 days on sea. I am glad to report all well and enjoying the advantages of this ideal missionary home. I do not know if you are familiar with the existence of this institution. If not I should like to say that it is everything one could desire. It is much cheaper than Mrs Cory's and as far as I can learn in every way better

There is here combined the privileges of a delightful Christian home and the freedom of an hotel.

It is accessible to all points of interest in the city and near several parks. It is a model place for children.

The table is excellent and the service most satisfactory.

I believe you would be safe in urging every missionary passing through London to patronize this club.

It was founded a few years ago by a returned missionary who still has charge.

It is not on a paying basis financially unless all the rooms are occupied but several wealthy Christian lay men have stock in the enterprise & I presume they meet

any losses.
Mrs McNaughton & children
go to Dundee on Saturday
to visit a friend & expect
to attend the Keswick
convention which meets
on the 27th inst
We will probably sail for
Montreal early in August
Many thanks for securing
the Winter Park house.
I am sure it will be just
what we need.
In the greatest haste

Very sincerely yours
J. P. McNaughton.

Maxville Aug 28th
1899.

Revd Judson Smith DD.
Boston

Dear Dr Smith:-
I write you at this time to keep you informed of our movements. We arrived home on the 18th inst and received a cordial welcome from our friends.
We sailed from Glasgow on Aug 5th and arrived in Montreal on Aug 16th This as you see was a long passage but on the whole it was a comfortable one. We have done our utmost to travel as economically as possible and

when I tell you that our whol
travelling expenses from Smyrn
to Maxville are under £100,
although ~~we~~ it took five full
tickets to cover our party, I
think you will agree with m
that we were successful in
making a long trip an inexpensi
one.
We took a cargo vessel from Smyr
to Bristol. Our quarters were narrow
and we suffered somewhat, yet
came through the experience in
good heart. The delight of
spending some time in Englan
and Scotland compensated
for the inconvenience of sea
travel.
By extending our stay in
Scotland for about 10 days,
we were able to catch a 2nd cla

steamer from Glasgow.
We had the pleasure of spending two days with the McLachlans in Kirkcaldy Scotland. It was delightful to meet them after their year in America.
We have been able to rent a furnished house here for a few weeks and are now comfortably settled.
I regret to say that I have forgotten the exact date of the Annual Meeting in Providence.
I have in hand a copy of the Missionary Herald for August yet I fail to find any reference to that event.

Mrs McNaughton joins me in very kindest regards.

Most sincerely yours

James P. McNaughton

Rev. James P. McNaughton

Maxville, Aug. 28, 1899.

Rec'd Sep. 9.

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Maxville Sept 10th/99

Rec'd Sep. 14.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston

Dear Dr Smith:-

Your letter of the 5th inst received.

Mrs McNaughton and I intend to be present at the Annual Meeting - Providence - and I shall at once communicate with Mr Kimball as you suggested.

We have not been able just yet to decide at what date we shall leave here but we shall likely call on You before the annual Meeting.

In respect to allowance duri
our furlough I regret that
we are compelled to appeal to
the Board. As I wrote you
from Turkey, neither Mr
McNaughton nor I have
friends who can come to ou
rescue.
I thought I made this clea
in previous correspondence
I did not write about an
allowance in my last lett
as I understood the questio
was settled in the last Ma
I had supposed that the ba
suggested in the manual was
intended to cover all cases
where exceptional treatment
was not called for.
Until we reach Florida we
could not suggest what our

living would cost.
We have decided to leave our two oldest children in an excellent educational institution in Ottawa. It is a Ladies' College under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church.
They are rather young to leave behind us but the mother of the institution has offered to give them special maternal care.
We felt that the experiment should be made while we were in this country. If it is a success we will leave them if not we can take them back to Turkey with us.
The director has made the regular discount offered for clergymen's daughters. and we feel that if we received the allowance proposed in the Manual we

would be able to meet the cost of their living in the College.

Perhaps we might postpon the question until we meet when we may have time to discuss the question of Allow more fully.

I am sure you must be very busy as the time for the Annual Meeting approach I would be sorry to add to your burdens, but as we d not know where missionar usually stop in Boston might I ask you to let m know.

Mrs McNaughton joi in very kindest regards.

Most sincerely you

J. P. McNaughton

Winter Park.
Florida Nov 2nd 1899.

Revd Judson Smith D.D.
Boston
Dear Dr Smith:-

We arrived
here on Saturday evening 28th ult. after a most
elightful trip from N.Y. Jacksonville was
eached on Friday afternoon but too late to
dmit of our catching the train. The captain of
r good ship "Comanche" very kindly offered
his hospitality which we gladly accepted until
e following day at noon when we left his
ssel and took train for Winter Park.
ix hours at Charleston gave us ample
portunity to see that interesting old town of war
ame. We found it rather stagnant and neglected
marked contrast to the progressive and beautifully

eft Jacksonville.

he run from Jacksonville to Winter Park takes early six hours. The Ry threads its way through n almost unbroken pine forest with sparse nder brush composed largely of different kinds of raceful palm. The northern gardener would vel in this semi tropical display.

e soil is very light largely sand and one is urprised to find so much vegetation on uch unpromising soil.

e arrived in Winter Park after night fall so were nable to form any true impression until the llowing day except that our lovely cottage emed to be in the midst of the never ending ine forest.

e town is small but very beautifully laid out iving each house a large lot that under ultivation & fertilization makes an attractive awn & flower garden.

ill the great frost of 95 orange culture was the hief occupation of the residents, but that alamity followed by a further freeze of last Winter uined many and discouraged all.

he Summer we learn is very quiet but with Winter omes an influx from the north that enlivens the lace for a few months

here are two hotels, one of which is very large.

Congregationalist, Methodist and Episcopal hurch minister to the religious needs of the ommunity.

Rollins College is the Centre of literary life. The eaching staff of this institution with the members the churches make a delightful social ircle,

e air is mild but bracing. the situation is the ighest in the state, the water is exceptionally

ure. All this ministers to the health of the community.
he physician who serves the College says he has
ceived $35 from that institution in 10 years.
ur Cottage is in every way just what we want.
he Misses Lord had a simple tea ready for us
th provisions enough to carry us over Sunday.
ey have been most kind in every way since we
rrive.
I think from what I have written you will agree
ith me that we find ourselves in an ideal
lace for rest & recuperation, and we would not
orget that you did much to make this place
ossible for us for which we are very appreciative
nd grateful.
have to-day forwarded to Mr Wiggin a detailed
atement of our travelling expenses which I trust
ll meet with your approval.
Mrs McNaughton joins me in kindest regards.
Most sincerely Yours. James P. McNaughton.

Rev. James P. McNaughton.

Winter Park. Nov. 2, 1899.

Rec'd Nov. 7.

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Mrs. Rebecca J. McNaughton
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Bourdour April 28. 1890

Dr. Judson Smith

Dear Friend,

This is the first time that I have had the pleasure of writing to you, I think.

I want to tell you something of the work in this city though I presume from Mr. Bartlett's and Mr. McNaughton's letters you have already received a good deal of information -

As Mr. McNaughton was starting on his spring tour I decided to accompany him to this city and remain for two or three months while he finishes the trip and goes to the Annual Meeting in Constantinople. About the first of July he expects to come here again, bringing Miss Lord with him and we all hope to go from here to Isparta, a day's journey and there spend the summer.

I had several reasons for wish
to spend a little time here;
one was to learn to know th
people, another, to get a littl
time to study the language,
and a third to get fresh air
for the baby and myself.

We hope gradually to accom
our purpose- the fresh air
already doing us good.

A band of eleven earne
Christian men, form the bod
of Protestants here. There are
eral more who are in the villa
All of these brethren have en
dured persecution the most
severe. The history of each o
reads like a romance. I wi
I had time to write about the

One young man held a posi
under government which he ga
up on becoming a Protestan
because he had to work on
Sunday- He was so useful
however that the Pasha reta
him and allows him the
Day of Rest-

This young man is so persecuted by his family that he is often obliged to leave home for some weeks at a time -

A Protestant brother dying about a year ago, left eight leras to the American Board as a token of his love and gratitude. This money, with all his other worldly goods, was seized by the government. For a year the pastor has worked to get the money from them, going several times every week to beg for it.

To day he returns with a paper which promises to pay about four and a half leras today and the rest in a month and a half. He is happy to have been so far successful.

The spirit of the pastor and brethren here is most commendable - They are bound together by strong bands of love.

The prayer-meetings are very interesting

Each brother in turn lifts his voice in prayer. There are thr lads of perhaps ten, twelve and fourteen. they do not-f when it comes their turn.

The study of the Bible seem to be carried on very faithfu At the Wednesday evening meeting and also on Sunda afternoons a chapter is studie They have taken in course the Old Testament as far a Joshua and the New up to the life of Paul-

Many are the discussion which they have had wit those unfriendly to the Gos and many a time have they come off conquerors, silencing there enemies by the Word of God-

The lessons are much enjoyed by all, as is show by their attention and readiness in answering questions-

After reading the chapter the Pastor questions the brethren and a free discussion follows. They are thus gaining a good knowledge of the Bible.

The Protestants have gained for themselves a good name here, and many influential men are very friendly and send their children to school to us.

Yesterday we had our first Sunday School, and this week a Woman's meeting is to be held. On Sunday evenings we have a service of song as many of our best and most familiar hymns are not known here.

And now I only echo the wish of every heart here when I tell you how the brethren long for a church building Many families would join them if they saw that the work was established and would remain, as the building of a church would prove. Another reason why it is so necessary is this - The customs of the city do not allow the women to mingle

with men and so the women d
not come to church because
there is no way of giving the
a separate place to sit. The cost
of lot and house would be
$1100, according to the estimate
of the brethren. They promise
thirty leras, or $132 themselves.
One young man who earns abou
a dollar a week, will give a qua
of the sum toward the churc

Are there not some frien
or some church at home to
send to these earnest Christ
the help they need. Sometim
when I am listening to their
earnest prayers I can hardly
keep the tears back, they a
so few in number, and de
pised by the great world
around them, and yet lik
the twelve of old so full
the Spirit and capable
in God's hands of doing
so much for Him.

I can think of nothing
that would give me mor

than to be able to tell them that friends at home were going to help them -

I might add that the Pastor and brethren go from time to time to Isparta, a day distant, where there is no pastor, and there preach the Gospel, and the example of the Bourdour brethren is a great help to those in Isparta who are weak in faith.

Greeks and Armenians work and worship here in love and harmony. Pray earnestly that there may be no separation and that we may be helpful among them -

With kind regards to Dr. Clarke and Dr. Alden, and to Mrs. Smith
I remain yours very sincerely
Rebecca G. McNaughton.

Mrs. Rebecca J. Mc S Naughton

Bourdoux, Apr. 28, 1890.

Rec'd May 23,

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Smyrna Jan. 13. 1891.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston, Mass.
Dear Sir—

The date of your last letter to me, May 24th. 1890, makes me aware of the fact that time indeed flies! The letter came while we were in Isparta. You have heard that we did not find the climate in the Interior all that we hoped it would be. This summer was an exceptional one, still I think we should try and summer in a place near home, for the long hot journey takes away much of what strength one may have gained. Mr. McNaughton and I did not suffer from the effects of the heat but our little girl was very ill. Only her strong constitution saved her.

Mr. Bartlett is now making the interior trip at this cold winter season. We often wonder what experiences he is having, for I am sure the one extreme of temperature must ~~as~~ be as trying as the other.

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Mr. Bartlett's letters from Bourdou were especially interesting to me a I learned to know the people so w during my stay with them last spr I am rejoiced that he has been a to buy a lot of land. The hear of the brethren must indeed rejoi When a chapel shall be reare it will be a red letter day in the history of this station.

The work in Bourdour is encoura and the brethren are earnest an united in their work and are gaining the esteem of the entire community by their upright Chr tian lives.

Mr. Bartlett has now gone on to Afion Kara Hissar. He has not yet written of the state of work there, but the letters wh the pastor sends are full of good reports. A missionary family should be stationed in that c so the pastor feels, and Mr. Mc Naughton and I are hoping tha the way will open for us to g

Life in Smyrna is far from bein an ideal missionary life for us.

Ak Hissar and Manisa, two of the stations nearest Smyrna, are now going forward, as the pastors newly settled over both congregations have entered earnestly upon the work.

In October Mr. McNaughton and I spent about a week at each city and became somewhat better acquainted with the work and people than has been possible before.

In Thyatira we were most kindly received by many not in the Protestant community. The occasion of a wedding in the Chapel brought together a large number of outsiders. I carried my baby organ and music added much to the interest of the occasion. The brethren are anxious to have an organ of their own and feel that it would be a great help in the work. They pledge 2 1/2 leras toward the cost.

Through the kindness of friends in America we have been able to send an organ to Oedemish this fall. A graduate of the school is teaching in the school there, and as she can play, the organ is of great service. The

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Oedemish brethren gave 2½ leras of the cost of this organ.

We are now in the midst of the festive Christmas season, whi you know, in this country, lasts from Dec. 25 to Jan. 20.

Entertainments of various kind have been many. On the evening of Jan. 2, a concert was given at the Girls' School, of which I will enclose a programme. It was un the auspices of the members of t King's Daughters Society, and was succesful, as between twelv and fifteen leras were realized from the sale of tickets and fancy articles which the girls had made. The school-room was well filled by a very sele audience.

On the 5th of Jan. Mrs. Constantine had a Christmas Tree at her house for the poor child who attend the Greek Alliance S. The gifts were useful articles for the little ones to wear, as well as candies and cards to delight the

On the 12th of Jan. Miss Bartl had a Tree for the children of th

Kindergarten. The occasion was a most enjoyable one as the children delighted the audience with their songs, games and recitations. The tree, instead of being hung with gifts intended for the children, had upon it pretty articles made by the little ones for their parents. These were first distributed and then came the toys for the children which friends from America had sent.

The children learned this year the lesson that giving is as blessed as receiving.

The Annual Meeting of the Greek Alliance took place yesterday. Reports of the work in Manisa are especially encouraging. Since the division of the property, the Greek brethren in Manisa have spent 56 liras on repairs and have now in hand 100 liras toward a new church building.

The number in attendance at the services is much larger than before as there has been trouble in the

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Orthodox Greek Church, by whic the churches have been closed fo several weeks. We see marks of the Divine presence in our midst in many ways.

I am glad to tell you that Miss Smith seems happy in her work here and has taken it in such a way as to give satisfaction to all. We hope she will not leave u when the two years are over.

Miss Lawrence has come bac to us so fresh with new Americ ideas that she is quite an i spiration to us all. She is hea and soul in the Greek work.

Mrs. Constantine is leaving f Athens to join her husband, a his condition is very distressin He is in a state of great nervou depression. His malady is not worse, but his mental state is pitiable. We feel very sorry for

We are expecting Mr. McLachlan to visit us, as he is to marry a you lady of Smyrna who was for fou years in our school. We shal bid them God-speed when they leave us for the Adana field.

The need in that station is certainly very great and the Lord has ordered all things for the best. Of that there can be no doubt.

Mr. McNaughton still looks forward to the time when the Smyrna field shall have a Boys' School, but evidently the time is not yet.

The church in Smyrna is not in the united earnest spirit one could wish. The Armenian brethren are dissatisfied with their pastor but do not know how to make a change, as he is not inclined to move. He is not the man to bring the people to-gether, or infuse any warmth into the congregation, and consequently the work does not go forward as it should. We are all much troubled about the state of things.

I will now close with best wishes for the New Year to all friends.

Yours very sincerely Rebecca G. McNaughton

Mrs. J. P. McNaughto

Smyrna, Jan. 13, 1891

Rec'd Feb. 9.

Mrs. Etta D. Marden
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Marash Sept 2 1895

Dear Dr Smith, Rec'd Oct 3-1895

I enclose the Report for
e Central Turkey Girls College. It
would have been sent long ago,
t I have been waiting for
nnual Meeting. And now by reason
f illness, quarantine etc. it
ooks as if there would be none.
hope the matter of Miss Lawton
s going on to a speedy termination.
also hope that the Coming
nnual Meeting of the Board
ill be productive of much
ood.

Sincerely yours.
E. D. Marden.

Mrs. Etta D. Marden 229

Aintab Oct. 7 1895.

udson Smith D D Rec'd Nov. 11.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr Smith,

Your letter of date pt. 5. was received a few days go. And I hasten to answer t and assure you that it is uite far from my thoughts ou to do any thing irregular, t is not strange that my acceptance the invitation from Constantinople hould reach you before permission the C. T. Mission should. And of urse the W. T. Mission understood at my acceptance was conditional n the consent of my own Mission. he request came in due form ur Mission Sec. who immediately tarted a circular vote. which is w in your hands no doubt. t may have been delayed. but you

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cannot fail to know some of the annoyance we suffer from that cause. I trust you will discover that no irregularity has been planned or attempted.

In relation to the time of my leaving Marash, you will observe that I have already left. The matter is serious, Dr Smith, as far as I am concerned persona
It is a matter of regret and deep disappointment to me, that I am obliged to give up my work in this Mission. but Dr Shepard has written you something of the matter, and certainly it cannot be now a new idea to you that I am obliged to change climates. Dr Shepard has told you that I had a serious Tuberculosis abcess requiring surgical treatment, and already having Malaria in my system, my weak condition favored the

years. Since the operation the last
eek in April. I have had chills
nd fever constantly. although making
hree changes of location. On
r return from our mountain
amp. in Sept. four days of each
eek were spent in bed. and
e remainder miserably lived
ro. I took 120 gr. of quinine
n eight days. and various other
rugs. But microbes developed
s fast as their predecessors
ere destroyed. I however prepared
e school for opening. and
e day before it began came
way to Aintab where I can
ave the care of an intelligent
physician. and be free from nervous
worry. When I tell you that the
ourney of fifty-six miles. which in
ther days I have done in ten
ours on horse back. took me
hree days to accomplish. riding
n a box strapped to the back

of a mule, you will I am sure
understand that it was imperati
for me to leave Marash before an
thing more serious overtook me, if
indeed it has not already done
Of course I regretted to leave Mi
Hess. there were many things that
I regretted. but it had come
a time when I must act. Mis
Blakely is on the way. indeed she
must be very near by this time
and I hope nothing serious will
occur before she shall arrive,
you say I am not needed in
Gedik Pasha now, and it is a
good thing that it is so. for I am
not able to undertake any work
at present. and need some tim
to recruit. Dr Shepard thinks I ca
go on to Con'ple. the last of this
month. so my address will be Con'pl
in future.

Most Sincerely yours
Etta D. Marden.

Mrs. Etta D. Marden. S

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Beirut Nov. 9. 1895.

Rec'd Nov. 29.

Dr Judson Smith.
Boston. Mass.

Dear Dr Smith.

You will ob- rve that I am thus far on y way but am detained here e time shall I say providentially. il left Aintab Oct 24. Dr Shepard ringing me to the coast. Before e left the news came of the igning of the Articles had come, nd we hoped confidently that anger to life was over. The ative people in Aintab were ot minded to make resistance nd a delegation of Americans nd Armenians had been ent to Marash and Zeitun

securing the promise of those peop
to be quiet. So we came away ea
in mind for all. On arriving at
Alexandretta, we heard that there
had been serious trouble at Maras
and Zeitoon. thro a letter from
the Vice Consul in Aleppo to the
Vice Consul in Alexandretta. al
saying that the Vali of Aleppo had
telegraphed the Governor of Marash
that he must protect the Americans
I came here and my steamer
lying two days in the harbor
my friends brought me on shore
When the day of sailing came
there was such a terrible storm
I could not go on board. and
am stranded here for two
weeks. In the mean time
word of danger comes from
Con'ple. Riots and insecurity.
Missionaries carrying money

their persons. so that if obliged
flee at any moment they would
prepared. The "Marblehead" is
Messina. to take on Board
any one who must flee. A telegraph
dispatch came from Mrs Coffing
Consul Gibson here in Beirut.
saying she was in great danger
and to come quickly. But altho
Consul Gibson is anxious to do
everything for his subjects, he
in no way or use to go to Hedjin
es wrote the Capt of the Gunboat
send a messenger to Mrs C.
at if she is in danger,
should come to the coast
and take refuge on the boat.
a letter from Marash to a
student in the College here. 2
inform that the Armenians have
been attacked. Some, how many

not stated killed. among these th
most prominent Protestants. that th
are hiding in their houses, not dar
to venture out. A letter from the Vice
Consul in Aleppo says that there ha
been serious trouble in Orfa bu
Miss Shattuck is safe. I have ha
no word from Marash or Aintab ha
but infer the friends there are saf
Troops and guns. cannon. and amm
nition have been sent from here
and the words are to "destroy Zeitun
I presume our schools. and work
of all kinds is closed. but know
nothing definite, I am most anxi
ious for Marash and Aintab and
Hadjin and Orfa. God protect
them. Our Government should or
the San Francisco to these ports
what good is she in Algiers.
The whole empire is upset. and so
there will be no Armenians to prot
They are rapidly being exterminated
Does England mean to do anything
I intend of course to go on to Cai
Nov 18. unless I get word otherwise
from there. Bring pressure on Washington
to take care of Americans.

Very Sincerely yrs. Etta D Marden

Mrs- Etta D. Marden

Gedik Pasha. Dec 2. 1895.

dson Smith D D Rec'd Dec. 17.
Boston.

Dear Dr Smith.

You will see that
have arrived at my destination
d it is a privilege to tell you that
ready I am much better in health
n when I was in Marash or
ntab. My journey was uneventful
strange to say. tho the part of it from
ntab was done the very days that
first disturbance was going on
Marash. in which our two beloved
ative brethren were killed. We
earned of the outbreak in Alexandretta
m Dr Shepard who had escorted
hurried back to Aintab as
ickly as possible. Nothing occurred
Aintab at that time. The last
ws by letter we have from there
o Nov 7. when Dr Fuller wrote that
y were practically prisoners in

their own yards. A telegram came
since the terrible massacre also
saying that they were still alive.
The news from Marash too is crushing
Sem'y burned. One student killed
Fires in the Christian quarters. and
all Armenian houses plundered.
The Harpoot missionaries are as
you know plundered of all they
have. and are living in empty
houses with four hundred women
with them. all my own goods were
plundered while coming from Marash
to Alexandretta. so I have only a few
things that were in my trunk. The
Sept. Shipment to Marash was also
plundered. so all of us are suffer
in a small degree. I am where
I can replenish. but the poor friends
in Harpoot are almost beyond a
reach. Mr Peet has not devised
means of reaching them with
money. and both that Station and
Marash have telegraphed their need
of money. But what is the little we
Americans have been called on to
endure compared with the awful

uffering of these poor people. There s not the slightest doubt but that l these dreadful massacres have een planned and ordered here. n every case. it is the educated. e wealthy and the leaders that ave been struck first. evangelical d educational work all over the mpire is utterly cast down. and re is only left old men and young ys women and children to begin n, Here in Con'ple. we hear reports om all quarters. and the story is e same. murder. fiendish cruelty ne. death. There are at this moment ousands of women and children rishing from cold and hunger. d the cold winter has hardly begun. Tens of thousands of dollars will e needed to feed and clothe people. n political situation is depressing. It is ite evident that the Powers can do thing. Jealousy selfishness and greed old them all back. It is significant d a direct testimony to the fact of perial approval. that in the remotest places American life has not be harmed. for Adana Mersine and Tarsus have scaped. owing to the presence of the arblehead. and its Christian commander Capt. O'Neil. The Mission he has asked Judge Terrell to telegraph the U.S. for a gunboat for this pla Both for its moral effect. and in case of necessity to be a place of refug But Dr Smith is it not marvellousl strange that all this murder and devastation can go on. and no one feel that he is responsible for it. The Legations night after night sit with the Porte. and in the Provinces these awful things are happening. The fate of Zeitoo is unknown. tho no one has any hope for its people. Troops are massed o every road. and starvation and ultim massacre awaits them. God pity them

I wrote you in July last that I ha returned to you forty pounds Turkish surplus of appropriations for the Girls College at Marash. for 1895. giving reasons why I was able to do so. I have never heard from you in reference to the matter. and fear the letter wa lost. Did you receive it? I have not yet begun work here. the ladies feel tha I ought to have time to get up my strength again. but I shall be able to begin very soon I hope. as far as I ha observed. the work is important. and the ladies are succeeding in plans and an devises. The Sunday work is very attractive

Most Sincerely yrs. Ella D Marde

Gedik Pasha Constantinople
Sept 9 1897

Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.
Dear Dr Smith,

Your letter of Aug 25 came today, and as you request I hasten to reply. I did not realize that so long a time had elapsed since I had written you, we were very busy last year with the regular work and the Relief work. I too knew that Mrs Newell was in close correspondence with you thereby informing you of the situation.

I may say briefly that all last year I was able to carry my part of the work, giving vocal and instrumental music in the school, taking charge of the Bible lessons, calling, evangelical work, and a large portion of time to Relief work. I am obliged to confess that malaria clung to me all the year, altho only once or twice was I obliged to really give up and stay in bed, but it frequently let me know that it still held dominion over me, With the advice of a physician and the friends here, I decided to make a change for July and August, hoping that a climate free from poison would hasten the eradication of the poison, and put me in better shape for the duties of the coming year. Miss Barker also needed a change, so we went to Dresden where we spent six weeks at our own expense using of course our private funds. I had sold some of my old home furniture in March, and Miss Barker drew from her home some she had saved in former years. We lived very economically only taking one meal a day at a restaurant. The delicious milk and bread and butter that we could easily get supplied our other wants. Aside from our travelling expenses, which were only sixty pounds, we hardly spent much more money than we would to have boarded at the Islands. I find myself stronger than when school opened last year, and I trust that I shall be able to carry my share of the burden. Our family consists of

Miss Jones whom we were so glad to welcome back two days later than we came, and Miss Barker and myself, and we look forward to a year of peace and activity, Mrs Newell no doubt will report herself at the Rooms soon, she left Gedik Pasha the week before we came home, she travelled by sea to Marseilles, and across France beyond that we have not learned her plans. She took with her two young women and two young men, which delayed her much, there being trouble about travelling permits etc. I think you will learn from her that her return is not expected. She only remained last year that Miss Jones might have a rest; She has worked hard and long for the people here, and I think they appreciate in a large measure her love for them, She is a woman of great courage and executive ability and has accomplished much,

Our work opens quite as usual. Tho we have fears that all our children cannot come back to us. for the Armenians are getting poorer constantly and the tuition is an item they can hardly spare from the family purse. We have about as full an attendance as in other years at this time, and we hope that the school has gained so much favor that the patrons will make extra effort to keep the children in attendance. The Sunday School began on Sunday and the Woman's meeting mid week. The weather is hot and depressing after cool Germany, but so far we are all well and hope to continue so.

Misses Jones and Barker wish to be remembered to you.

With regards to Mrs Smith
Very Sincerely Yours
Etta Doane Marden.

Constantinople Sept. 9. 97
Rec'd Sept. 23

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I. L. B.

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Constantinople
Apr 10 1898

Dear Dr Barton,

In addressing you in the absence of Dr Smith, I feel a sense of nearness, inasmuch as you were once one of us, and can thus enter into our lives a little more understandingly perhaps than one who has never been on Mission fields, so I make known my needs to you, and thro you to the Prudential Com. You will recall my daughter Mary perhaps, she was with me at Auburndale, and your little laddie, he is bigger now I suppose, was in love with her, She was in Wellesley nearly two years and after recovering from the prostration succeeding a hemorrhage of the lungs went to California in the fall of 95 She grew stronger and later entered Pomona College, where she is at the present time. That is, she is since

January

x boarding in a private family, and goes to the College for recitations when well enough to do so, until January of the present year. She seemed to be doing fairly well, but then she seemed to have a recurrence of the lung trouble, and was very poorly for some time, I am very much distressed about her, she is a young girl, and of course cannot exercise judgment as to her condition, and persons with lung trouble never realize the gravity of the situation, it is a blessing they do not. Her fathers people live in New England. therefore they can do nothing for her, My own sister lives in Michigan. Which is only one remove better than New England. I have written Mary's physician in California, Pomona, asking him if in his opinion she might without harm come for the summer to my sister in Michigan, that I could have definite information concerning her, and most of all, that she might have the loving mothering care my sister would give, She has been now two years and and nine months away from her friends, none of us having seen her in that time. If her physician does not think this practicable or if his answer is not more reassuring than the report I get of her thro others I shall feel like asking permission to come home for three months at least that I may know how she is, and for a time give her the care she needs, I know how serious this request is, yet if by care and nursing I can save her life, or if she needs, ~~me~~ it seems as if I must go to her, She is very dear to me, as you who have children must know, I am troubled very much to ask this at this time, I have stated the matter to the mission, or rather station here, and am acting upon their advice, It maybe when I hear directly from her physician my fears may be quieted, but in case the letters are not reassuring I shall wish to come home as stated above, leaving here in early June, as my associates will be willing, and hoping to return in three months,

I write early, as it requires time to get letters back and forth. If you give me permission to come I shall gladly avail myself of it, if necessary hoping all the time that it will not be so, I do not wish to come home now, I have been out only five years in October, and my work is very dear to me, but the life or health of my child is also dear, as well as the duty.

Hoping that my request may not seem unreasonable to you Dr Barton, and to the honored Committee.

I am,

Very Sincerely Yours

Etta D Marden.

Constantinople, Apr. 10, '98

Mrs. Etta D. Marden, 234

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-26-98

Constantinople
May 11 1898.

My dear Dr Barton

Many thanks for your letter just received. It is very good of you to take the trouble of writing to the physician in Claremont who has attended my daughter. I am waiting anxiously a letter from him in response to request I made thro Miss Harris in regard to Mary. Of course I have not communicated my fears to Mary herself, not deeming it expedient to alarm her. She therefore does not know that I have written, Her letters are cheerful She does not complain and rarely mentions her health, while I refrain from writing much about it lest I draw her attention too mu toward herself.

But Miss Harris letter made me very anxious, I know Mary is not strong and no doubt she is sometimes imprudent. It would be strange if a girl of her age were not, Yet I hope much from the climate,

But you can see naturally how I feel about it; I had hoped the physician would be willing for her to come to my sisters in Michigan, and he may do so; and I would be quite satisfied with that arrangement, but my mother who makes her home with Mrs Perkins is very ill with some form of lung trouble, and is not likely to live long. I cant ask my sister to undertake any thing more, so that hope is cut off.

I shall be very thankful if the news from California is hopeful enough to relieve my anxiety; for I do not wish, without reason to leave my work, or call on the Board for financial outlay. Still if I had the money of my own, I should beg permission to come home for the vacation.

Our City papers are quite full of the war news. A Great Pasha and his Suite left the Capital

today enroute to the U. S. to-
witness operations. Since the
Philippine victory the Turks
have assumed quite a
different attitude. They praise
our philanthropic motives,
and hope that victory may
perch on our banners, and
hint that in the hands of
God we are an instrument
for the just punishment
of the Spaniards for their
barbarous treatment of the
Saracens in past years!
A little success is sure
to bring admirers in its trai
We were honored by a visi
on Sunday last from our
Minister Dr Angell, He spok
to the people, much to their deli
It was mentioned in the city
papers the following morning.
and our guards look at us
much more respectfully sinc

Gedick Pasha
Nov 28 1898

Judson Smith D D
Boston

Dear Dr Smith.

I am under the impression that none of us in this house have written you since the beginning of the present school year, not because we had no desire or intention to do so, but because we have been so busy with work that would not be put off. On our return from the Conference of Christian Workers in the Lebanon, we felt refreshed body and soul. The beautiful scene, the cool bracing air, the spiritual uplift we received, the renewed vigor of body amply repaid us for the unpleasantness of the journey, we went second class without food! Since the last week in August we have been very busy. Our work opened as usual and in all departments is healthy and vigorous.

we have the usual number of children in school, tho we have adhered more closely than usual to the price of tuition one mejedea per month, eighty cents, the Armenian departments are full, but the Greeks are harder to reach, owing to the strictness with which the priests deal with their people, a child no sooner enters school or Sunday School than the family priest whoever he may be, visits them and coerces them to his will, But the out-look is not hopeless; From time to time young men enter the Bible Class taught by the faithful Greek evangelist, and often conversions ensue, But the Greeks do not go in flocks as the Armenians do, and work among them is more individual,

The pastor of the Valanga Church has returned, improved in bodily health and deepened in spiritual fervor, I am much pleased with him, and only regret that I have no knowledge of his tongue, It is a serious mistake here, that none of us know Armenian as we lose much of the inner life of the people; we are trying in every way to bring the Valanga Church and ourselves and this work into more harmonious relations, that there shall be no "my and thy" but "ours". We, Miss Jones Miss Barker and myself feel that while this work must be kept aggressive missionary in its spirit the Church should feel that it is a part of them selves, and they have interest in it, and responsibility for it; It is known to you, that Dr Barnum and wife are to live in this quarter, their house is opposite ours, we rejoice greatly, their language is Armenian, and both are of such lovely character that their very presence can but ameliorate and pacify. Upon their arrival and that of the Valanga Church Pastor we gave a Reception to the Protestant Community that they might all come together and meet their pastor and Dr and Mrs Barnum. We had a delightful evening; the young people had prepared some music and speeches were made by the various celebrated persons present, we had a real merry meeting of friends and good feeling was promoted, The next day the Chief of Police came to the Bible House to learn what those ladies were doing in Gedik Pasha, He said he had been informed from the Sultans Palace that a meeting which was not of a religious character took place at our house, While he did not question our right to do what we judged best in our own house, he must question and deny the right of the native people to be out nights and in case they were found out for other than religious purposes he must arrest them, He does not object to prayer meetings, tho he thinks we are very queer people to sing when we pray. but he says that at this meeting there was music that was not devotional, there was laughter that was not religious joy, and there was tumultuous clapping of hands which was not possible to associate with prayer by any stretch of the imagination, therefore the applause must have been due to things said adverse to the interests of the Ottoman State;

We however continue our evening prayermeeting and at the close the young people meet for an hours singing, we avoid however applause.

We have invited the Valanga Church to hold service in our house during the winter, as the rude building is entirely unfit for shelter during the storms of winter. It stands as it was left four years ago, the roof partly on, the sides only half closed a most unhappy condition of things to which the pastor must return, If only permission could only be gained to put up a suitable building;

We have had the pleasure of seeing some friends who were passing thro the city to their various fields of labor. In September my son came for a stay of ten days, to get his medical Diploma visé'd before he should go on to Aintab; His stay of ten days lengthened into six weeks owing to the difficulties in the way of an examination. Fortunately my son could take his examination in either of the prescribed languages, Turkish or French, but he had no local practicioner's certificate which is demanded now, After long delay Mr Straus was able to give a Paper which satisfied them that a University of Michigan Diploma entitled the holder to pratice medicine and they granted the visé, but a young man Dr Thomas enroute for the Arabian Mission to the Moslems holding the same diploma is now peremptorily refused. He knows only English, and the services of an interpreter are refused. My son arrived in Aintab early in November and has entered his new work with much enthusiasm. Dr and Mrs Gates of Harpoot were also with us three weeks. and Dr and Mrs Thomas two weeks -

Yesterday we met the two Nurses going to Hadjin under other auspices than the American Board. I rejoice that ~~they~~ can help Miss Bates out while Mrs Coffing is at home, but I hope in the future they may get into their own line of work. Nursing. Our three Hospitals are very poorly equipped indeed, and must soon be attended to.

The meeting of the American Board in Grand Rapids was very interesting to me, as Park Church support me, the members of that Church are devoted enthusiastic people. thoughtful and appreciative, and I love them all.

I did not intend to inflict so long a story on you, when I began, but I don't write often and perhaps you will pardon it. Personally I am very well. The tenting in the bracing Lebanon Mountains helped me very much. I have not been so well since I left America, five years ago. My daughter too spent the Summer in a tent on high mountains, and is much improved she writes. She is doing tutoring etc, at present; earning she writes two dollars per week. When the weather is suitable she is going north to Berkely for some additional work. I rejoice beyond measure in her returning health, but my whole soul longs for her;

I am glad to say that the distress and poverty about us, is much relieved. The Armenians can find work if they want to, and one ordinarily out of work is his own fault,

With regards to Mrs Smith in which Miss Jones and Miss Barker join

Very sincerely yours -

Ella D. Marden,

P. S. If you write me, will you be kind enough to mention the situation of my dear friend Mrs Mead —

Mrs. Ella D. Marden
Gedik Pasha Nov. 28. 94.
Rec'd Dec. 13

Constantinople
Apr 11 1899

Miss M. D. Wingate.
Chicago.

Dear Miss Wingate,

I have been requested by the Com. ad Interim to write you a semi official but altogether confidential letter upon a very painful subject, but one with which it is imperative to deal promptly.

To complain of or criticize a fellow missionary is not a pleasant task, and one from which we all shrink, but it is necessary that the Ladies at the Rooms become cognizant of the situation that they may act intelligently: also for the best good of the work and workers.

For some time the impression has been increasing that the work of Miss Zimmer was not of such a character as to forward the Miss'y cause: Long ago Miss Zimmer became very intimate with a young woman one her workers, and as time passed, she became entirely devoted to her, and the two are inseparable and confidential. The intimacy with this young woman, was the beginning of the events that culminated in the removal of Miss Zimmer from Caesarea! Lately this person Akabee by name, has become very offensive in her conversation, and abusive in her remarks of the missionary circle, and to them. These remarks when made in the presence of Miss Zimmer have passed unrebuked. Miss Zimmer herself also, has recently quite ignored Miss'y cautions and advice, and persists in her own independent course. It has seemed that her work has largely turned into a Relief Bureau, and lost its Missionary Character. In '96, after the Massacre here, it was a necessity laid upon us, regretted, but legitimate, to come to the rescue of these people, but in the three years since that event people have adjusted themselves to the circumstances, and while there is poverty as must be the case in all large cities, there are no starving Armenians in the sense of a famine, and not enough to render it necessary for a missionary to devote nearly all her time, at an outlay of $1200 yearly to the work of Relief. Miss Zimmer in her Miss'y work has inaugurated and encouraged ideas that are repugnant to the native sense of propriety and opposed to the judgment of her associates, but which she with her peculiar German training, sustains. I refer to the very free mingling of young people in her C. E. Society and other work. In America this is quite right and natural but here, where opportunity is Artanuity such associations give rise to unreserved and free criticism, and the cause of Christ is injured far more than helped. In instances where her employees have become engaged Miss Zimmer has permitted them to live in the same house, a thing unusual in America and utterly unpermissable here, such instances as these have been multiplied, and is a cause of offense and evil words among the native people.

Miss Zimmer has passed thro a severe illness, and is still suffering from its effects and will do so till relieved by a surgical operation. She has employed a native physician contrary to the judgment of her associates and this man largely took up his abode in her house and is there still tho a period of two months has passed.

It may be the most charitable construction to put upon Miss Zimmers conduct to say that her illness has so impaired both her physical and mental powers that she is no longer mistress of herself. This is evinced in her strange and violent language compromising to herself. in her utter disregard of the advice of her associates and contempt of Missionary action, and what seems to us a misuse of funds. I might specify that the Committee voted to advise her not to take another house at present, but to store her goods, and let the matter rest until she should return from a vacation permission for which she had requested. She paid no attention to the advice but took a house, or at least bargained for it and asked for the money of the Treasurer to pay the rent. The Treasurer refused to give the money, by the direction of the Com. And Miss Zimmer demanded some Relief funds that had been sent to her from Germany, with which she would pay the rent. In the hands of a native this would be considered a misuse of funds amounting to dishonesty. In view of all these things, and the necessity of Miss Zimmer's health, it is to be hoped she will be called away from Constantinople immediately. I do not wish to unjustly judge Miss Zimmer, and this letter is to be read by the Mission Secretary. but it seems to us that the matter has become so acute that it is only proper to place it before you, who are the authorized and legitimate body to deal with it. It would be best for all concerned that action be prompt and decisive. If you could summon Miss Zimmer home for consultation, it would relieve a situation that is becoming more intense daily.

I am sending a copy of this

letter to Dr Smith and I ask
all who read it that it may be
considered purely confidential
unless strong reasons render it
otherwise.

Regretting that I must be the bearer
of such grim tidings

Dear Miss Wingate
I am
Most sincerely yours
Etta D. Marden
Bible House

Cons'ple, Apr. 11, 1898.
Rec'd Apr. 24.

Miss Ida Mellinger
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Miss Ida Mellinger

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Rec'd July 7.

Chicago. June 30. 1890
230 La Salle Ave

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your kind letter of the 26th rec'd. I would not object to some one else taking my place as teacher in Oorfa, for two reasons. One, because I presume in Oorfa my work would be mostly that of a teacher, while I have learned here that God has given me the power to touch souls, & that is the one work above all others where I feel the nearness of the Saviour - His presence & help. The other reason is I need to stay here longer to be better fitted for the foreign work.

I will say frankly that Kindergarten work is not at all in my line of working. I have no interest in it at all compared to evangelistic work, & such I believe the Lord has called me to do.

I would have written all this before

ad I Known it, but I did not
ill it was brought out by work
ere; the love I have for a lost
oul, that cannot be satisfied
t till that soul has found its
Maker. God has blessed the
ervice "in His name."

As I said before if I could
emain here a few months longer
I am sure I could go then to
a foreign feild + accomplish
something for the Lord.

All this I have written, feeling
ou ought to know it; but will also
ay that your decision for me, I
will cheerfully accept believing
he Lord will guide your action

Sincerely

Miss Mellinger

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Smyrna. Turkey.
Oct. 7/95.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

While at Aintab much of our post was lost & I am not sure you received several letters which Dr. Fuller & I wrote. I arrived in Smyrna about 10 days ago. Have begun visiting at the homes. & find the people cordial. I have charge of the women's weekly prayer meeting. have begun one district meeting, give the Sabbath School lesson to the S. S. teachers & have a daily prayer meeting with the Kinder garten teachers. Already I find every moment full of pleasant work. Yet my heart has been constantly turning to Oorfa. & I cannot but compare the 15 Protestant families of Smyrna to the 1000 of Oorfa. My work of course is not confined to the Protestants & I am calling on as many Gregorians as will receive me. It has been proposed that I visit some of the towns after a few weeks remaining in each four weeks or so. I am living with the Bartletts & very happily situated.

Respfly. I. Mellinger

Smyrna, Oct. 7. 1895.
Rec'd Oct. 25.

Smyrna. Turkey.
Dec. 6/95.

Dr. Judson Smith.
Congregational House
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

I thank you for your kind letters of Oct. 24 + 26th. I found them awaiting me on my return from a tour with Mr. McNaughton + Mrs. Bartlett. I enjoyed what I saw of the work in the outstations + only longed for more time. I was invited to many of the Armenian homes + found them willing to receive the Gospel message of love. Should I remain in this part of Turkey I would hope to spend several weeks each year in the principal cities of this field. The country is in such a condition we can not, at present, tour more.

I believe it was the thought of Aintab station for me to be in Smyrna this year. + the question of the future was left an open one. I have no will in this matter at all. I know the Oorfa people better + thought I could help them. The more I see of this work the better I like it. + I am holding my self in readiness to do whatever may be decided for me.

Miss Bartlett is not well, has nervous prostration, + the doctor has ordered complete rest. for a month. Am doing what

I can to help her. + we hope for a speedy recovery.

I have been exceedingly anxious in regard to Miss Shattuck's being alone in Oorfa. Have only received one short postal card from her since the trouble there. It seems that she dare not write. These are awful times + our hearts are heavy as with each post we hear of massacres among this people. Many hundreds of the people I knew personally have been slaughtered. When is this fearful state of things to end? Our prayer is Come quickly Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours.

I. Mellinger.

Smyrna, Dec. 6 - 1895 -
Rec'd Dec. 23

Smyrna. Turkey.
Feb. 27/96

Dr. Judson Smith.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

I am remaining in Mr. Bartlett's house & looking after the Kinder-garten & have one class in the girls' school & doing a little work among the people. But for several weeks my principal work has been to get relief for the suffering Armenians. The English of Smyrna & vicinity were quite ignorant of missions in the interior & indifferent as to the fate of the Armenians. I have been having weekly meetings with the wealthy ladies & giving them an insight of our work. Numbers have become thoroughly awakened & are giving freely & regularly for relief of those in the massacred regions. I have taken Miss Shattuck's letters to me, & had hundreds of copies made & sent to England & America. Already money is being sent in answer to those appeals. From so many places, came requests for me to send the whole account of the Oorfa massacre up to the present time, that the work was becoming enormous. I have just completed, a work suggested by many associates, which was: to write the whole account & have it printed in London. Miss Shattuck should have been the one to have written this I know, but she has her hands full of more direct relief work. She kindly writes me that she thinks God meant for me to be in Smyrna that I might be the means of interesting people to give. I am so anxious to go to her, but as yet the way is not open.

I have just mailed to printers in England "Massacre at Oorfa & Vicinity" It was a simple review of the whole as I took it from Miss S's letters. I have asked the publisher to mail to you 500 copies. To all friends not in the U.S. I will have the printer mail these pamphlets direct to. Will you kindly see that the following addresses have as many copies as are indicated: All expenses in mailing &c. you will please charge to my account. If copies are left over after mailing, please keep on hand for my disposal 100 or so. Use the rest as you think best in calling the attention of the public to the need of Turkey. Miss Shattuck may send a list of names to whom she would like the pamphlet sent. If so please mail & charge to me.

Respectfully.

J. Mellinger.

Smyrna 27, 1896.
Rec'd March 19.
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Smyrna. Turkey.
April 4/96.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.
Congregational House. Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your favor of March 19th has reached me. Please do as you think best about distributing the pamphlets. If the names mentioned in the pamphlets were scratched out, possibly they might then be used. I have no desire to injure this work which is so near my heart. & I wrote what I did with the hearty concurrence of the missionaries here. I know very well that people in America & England do not give & will not, except as this matter is kept vividly before them & for that purpose the pamphlet was written.

I have today written Dr. Fuller of Aintab, as I suppose I am a member of the C. T. M., & asked him what is the expectation & wishes of the station for me, whether I am to remain in Smyrna or return to the Aintab station. Doubtless he will also write you.

It is just post time & I must close.

Sincerely yours.
I. Mellinger.

Smyrna, Apr. 4, 1896.

Rec'd Apr. 22.

Smyrna. Turkey.
April 10/96.

Dr. Judson Smith.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Mr. McLaughlin being much pressed with school duties allows me to do as much as I can of his writing. He has requested that I send to you the two enclosed articles which has he recently written.

One of the pleasant features of the work in Smyrna is the meeting of so many travelers from England & America. They come anxious for news & as I have had so much copying to do for those in the interior, I can give them copies of what has been done, & in every case I hear from their churches (they are usually people connected with churches) of awakened interest & money being sent to the relief of the suffering.

We are hoping that the Lord's plan for this people will soon be made manifest. The present outlook is darkness itself. & the Armenians have but one hope & that is to get out of the country.

I am delighted that Miss Bartlett is improving.

Sincerely. I. Mellinger.

Smyrna, Apr. 10, 1896.
Rec'd Apr. 27.

Smyrna. Turkey.
May 7/96.

Dr. Judson Smith.
Congregational House.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Miss Shattuck asks me to occasionally send you copies of her letters as she cannot take time from the relief work to write. I had letters yesterday from Prof. & Mrs. Harris of Cambridge Eng. They were in Aintab & working up "Colonization" & by this time they have reached Oorfa. They were here in Smyrna with me four days, on their way south & I was indeed glad to meet them. Prof Harris is one of the first authorities on New Test. research. They had obtained a six months leave of absence from Cambridge University to go to Aintab, Oorfa &c. to see what hope there was for emigration. Mr. Fitz Maurice called after he had been to Marash, Aintab & two weeks in Oorfa. He says that in all the history of the world no such ghastly deeds have ever before been committed, & that Oorfa is worse than all the rest. He also says if the Armenians remain in Turkey under favorable circumstances, after 200 or 300 years they will gain their former prosperity. but added: "There is no hope for the Armenians unless they can leave the country."

I am going out to a city near to have a meeting & it is nearly train time & I must close.

Sincerely

I. Mellinger.

Smyrna, May 7, 1896
Rec'd May 25

Smyrna. Turkey.
May 20/96.

Dr. Judson Smith.
Congregational House.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your favor of May 4th & 10th reached me last week. I enclose some from Miss Shattuck & also a letter which Mr. McNaughton asked me to copy & then send on to you. We expect Mr. McN. to return to Smyrna in a week or ten days. Mr. McLauchlan is much pressed with school duties & all the other cares which the gentleman of the station must assume. The boys school is progressing in a hopeful manner. Enemies attempt to injure it from time to time simply because it is such a fine school. For instance this week one of the native teachers has measles & in the city it is reported small pox in order to frighten the pupils. These attacks simply help the school by calling more attention to its merits. I have a few boys in the school to whom I teach English reading, spelling & grammar. I enjoy them very much. I have no classes in the girls' school since Miss Griswold came. She is a very effecient teacher & an acquisition to the school of which the school may justly be proud. I have not yet been to Manisa, for the writing which has been mine to do, could be done only here.

Dr. Fuller wrote me from Aintab that he did not think it advisable for me to return. He said they wanted ~~rather~~ to get their ladies out of the interior rather than send them in. The missionaries here have asked me to remain ~~&~~ when Mr. McNaughton returns this matter will be talked over. I prefer work in the interior. I don't enjoy working among *well dressed* sinners. but I hope, if I remain here to tour in the surrounding cities & that I shall greatly enjoy. But it is not a question with me of what I *enjoy* but of what I can do *best*. & now that it seems I am to remain in Smyrna, I give my whole being to the work & hope to love it even as I loved the work in Oorfa.

We all feel very strongly that Miss Bartlett ought not to return this fall nor indeed for at least a year from now. She is one who does not spare herself at all, & should she return without complete rest, it would be but a short time untill she was as helpless as when she left. She can appear bright & well for a short time, especially to one who has not seen her for some time, but she is always worse for the effort afterward, so that I am not surprised she did not seem like an invalid to you. Every memember of the station & all the people love Miss Bartlett as few missionaries are loved. Her work was untiring & much appreciated & therefore we are all the more anxious that she be intirely well on her return. Personally I love her so much that I should be glad if she could return this autumn.

Beside my class in the boy's school, I am doing a little calling in the poor Armenian homes, but most of my time is given to writing reports, letters, &c for those in Smyrna & of the C. T. M. The outlook for the Armenians grows blacker & blacker. Many have become hopeless, & the circumstances are indeed depressing. Fitz Maurice is about to return to Aintab & Oorfa again. As he goes officially he has not made his plans known. From all parts of the interior we hear that if the Armenians were allowed to Emigrate the Armenian question would be soon settled. The Sultan will no longer give passports. Not a few are risking their lives in the attempt to reach the coast hoping afterward to get onto some steamer. I am indeed anxious to know what our Government will do. We enjoyed Mr. Knapp's very much - as he stopped on his way to Constantinople. The more of our missionaries I see & know the more I feel they are a separate people, choosen & fit representatives of the great work which is theirs. Please pardon me I did not intend to write so lengthy a letter.

Sincerely yours. I. Mellinger.

Smyrna, May 20, 1896.
Rec'd June 5.

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On the Danube, near Orsava.
July 8/96.

Dr. Judson Smith.
Congregational House

Dear Dr. Smith.

Had it been possible I would have written you before. But let me explain. Prof. & Mrs. Harris who passed Smyrna on their way to Oorfa thought I might be able to do much by going to England for the summer & accordingly wrote their friends to that effect. I received a letter & money from Mr. Crossley of Star Hall, Ancoats. Manchester, Eng. asking me to ~~go~~ come at once. Some English missionaries were just leaving via this route & the missionaries all advised me to go with them. Permission was also granted by those in Constantinople.

After a few days we shall reach ~~London~~ England & my address will be in care of F. W. Crossley. This journey will be of benefit to me, but I shrink from the summer's work awaiting, yet I go on trusting that He who sent me will give me grace & wisdom. It is my intention to speak in no public audiences but only in parlors, & to be very careful in regard to giving names of missionaries. I passed this

Constantinople & the missionaries advised this, as well as other points. Mr. Crossley wrote me that my own name need not even be used. & that great care would be taken to call no *public* attention to me or others engaged in work in Turkey.

I will write you of what I am doing from time to time.

Sincerely Yours.

I. Mellinger.

Miss Ida Mellinger

On the Danube, July 3rd, 1896

Rec'd July 27.

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Star Hall. Ancoats.
Manchester. England
Aug 11/96.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your letter of July 27th is before me. I have been extremely busy since coming to Eng. I have had drawing room meetings & interviews with the most influential men. Last week was spent in meeting members of Parliment & some of Royal Family. I was cordially received & all were interested in knowing more of the situation in Turkey. They promised me that England would "try again" Some of the leading politicians said frankly that the question was one of such magnitude & involved so much & that England as a whole was so indiffernt, that they had given up & decided nothing could be done. Now however the matter is again taken up I believe in earnest. Many think because America has "clean hands" & no selfish purpose in demanded that the Armenians be protected, that America only can rescue the people.

I shall be interested in knowing what action was taken in regard to my transfer to Smyrna. I have a meeting now & must close. Sincerely yours. I. Mellinger

Manchester, Aug 11. 1876

Rec'd Aug. 20

Star Hall. Ancoats.
Manchester. England
Aug 24/96.

Dear Dr. Smith.

A recent letter from Mr. Herrick of Constantinople says he was sending you a copy of that letter. I have been working under the disadvantage of trying to do all possible to arouse the people of England & yet not be made public & not call into promenance the other missionaries. People here cannot understand, tho one does explain; & some have said that "either the condition of the Armenians was not as bad as the missionaries represented or else the missionaries were cowardly & fearful of loosing their position in Turkey."

The question of my taking charge of a colony of Armenian widows & orphans in Cyprus is one I do not know how to decide. My friends here urge it strongly. I should be willing to do so if I might not be severed from the Board. I have no wish to go to Cyprus & be disconnected with the Board.

I am speaking almost daily & often twice a day. The Lord has blessed & many people seem interested who were not before. Sincerely yours.

Ida Mellinger.

Manchester, Aug. 24-96

Rec'd Sept. 3

Manchester, Aug. 24-96

Star Hall. Ancoats.
Manchester. Eng.
Aug 27/96.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Yours of Aug 17th reached me this morning. I am not sure if my last to you would have answered all the questions or not. I came to England with the full consent of the missionaries both in Smyrna & Constantinople. I had some long talks with Mr. Peet & Mr. Knapp about what I should do in England. Mr. Peet said urge England to take control of Turkey — I think all the gentlemen there were of his mind that, that was the most effectual way of getting relief for the people. My object was simply to give information & I may add that is still my object; but when the information is given, "public opinion is created" & funds for ~~the present condition~~ amelioration of the present condition of the Armenians of necessity. follow. All funds have been sent to our treasurer. It is also with the full consent of the mission that I stay here till into October as it is thought I may thus do more for the Armenians. I am speaking daily & I believe God is blessing. I have no public meetings. Sincerely yours. Ida Mellinger.

Manchester, Aug. 27, 1896.

Rec'd Sep. 8.

Star Hall. Ancoats.
Manchester - Eng.
Sept. 7/96.

Dear Dr. Smith.

I have none of the Board paper with me. Will you therefore please pardon this. You may know that there is a movement in England to get some of the widows & orphans from Turkey to Cyprus. Those who began the work want me to go & take a part of the work as I can use Armenian & Turkish. Mrs. Amos a lady in London, who is one of the chief movers in this work, has already left London for Cyprus & they wish me to go on & join her by the 24th of this month. Mr. McNaughton of Smyrna wrote the following to Mrs. Amos ~~in~~ Aug 31st:

"Dear Mrs Amos. Your letter of the 24th just rec'd: Let me assure you of our deep sympathy in your efforts for the downtrodden Armenians. In respect to Miss Mellinger - We as a mission station cannot order Miss Mellinger's movements after leaving the station bounds. I shall refer your letter to Constantinople. I question if the Constantinople Committee can take the responsibility of deciding whether Miss Mellinger can leave the mission for service outside. It is probable that her case must be submitted to the Officers of our Board in Boston. I trust ~~this~~ the delay may not inconvenience you in your plans. We are very glad that Miss

Mellinger has been able to be of so much service to the cause we are all so very deeply interested in. May the good Father bless you in all your endeavors to alleviate suffering, to comfort the bereaved & to bring cheer to the hopeless.

Very sincerely yours.

J. P. McNaughton."

I have copied the letter entire that you might know as much as I do how the Smyrna station feel. I am willing to go if I may still be connected with the Board. I think I might not be needed there more than a year. & I could then I hope again have work in some part of Turkey as appointed by W. T. Mission. This work in Cyprus seems more necessary than remaining in Smyrna this year. I am sure I could do more for the Armenians. I will send you a copy of the plan of work. I have written you just as soon as I heard from my mission. Will you kindly ~~[illegible]~~ cable me a reply as soon as possible. If I may go to the work in Cyprus "yes" will be sufficient; if not, "no." If ~~I must~~ my going is conditional — cable "wait letter".

Very sincerely yours.

I. Mellinger

Manchester, Sep. 7. 1896.

Rec'd Sep. 19.

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COPY.

Liverpool, Sept. 9/96.

Dear Miss Pollock:

In reply to yours of Aug. 24th I would say. I received the sanction of the mission before I came. They gave their consent and were in entire sympathy with my coming to England. When I came to England the matter of helping the Armenians had completely died down--nothing was being done and all were waiting for events to take their own course. I found most of the people utterly indifferent as to the fate of the Armenians. Now I am glad to say this is no longer true. You speak of the missionaries being driven from Turkey and nothing more is done to arouse interest. If the missionaries remain in Turkey and this government does not act it will only be a few months when the Armenian missionaries will find that they will have kept their position secure, but that there are no Armenians to work for. The missionaries will never be sent out, but they had better be, than the Armenians all killed. I have kept as quiet as possible and when I have asked that my name be not mentioned one man--an influential man--said "if I cannot give your name I will do nothing. Either the Armenians do not need kelp or you missionaries are cowards."

I have written the Board in Boston to know if I may go to Cyprus and have charge of the colony of widows and orphans which are to be brought there for the next year. It certainly seems that I could do a vast deal more of good there than in Smyrna the next year: I do not wish to be disconnected with the Board, but simply to be allowed to take up that work for a year. My friends in England with whom I am best acquainted are some of the following: F. W. Crossley, Star Hall, Ancoats, Manchester, a man who has given hundreds for the Armenians, a man known over England for his wealth and good works, and where I have made my home and at whose invitation I came to England; Prof. Rendall Harris, who is a professor in Cambridge, Eng. He has been traveling in Armenia with his wife to see about the Armenians. He has just returned and his address is also at Star Hall for the present. He is the first authority on New Testament Research. Rt. Hon. Samuel Smith, member of Parliament, 11 Delshay St., Westminster, S.W. London; Mrs. Sheldon Amos, whose husband was for years a christian and honored judge in Egypt. She has now gone to Cyprus and wishes me to join her in two weeks. Her address there is at Limersal; Mr. Percy Bunting, 11 Endsleigh Gardens, London, editor of the "Contemporary Review."

Any of the above will give you any information desired about my work here. The mission have consented (because of the invitation by the English friends) to my remaining in England this month and October, believing I can do more here for the Armenians by so doing.

I had no thought of coming to England three days before I came, and as I had the full consent of the mission I did not know it was necessary to obtain consent from the Board. I, of course, will not go to Cyprus until I have the consent of the Board. I have never dealt otherwise than frankly with you, and have no expectation of doing otherwise and no wish to go contrary to your wishes as a Board. But surely you can see how difficult it would be to always have permission from America before we could act in every matter. This has been written hastily, but not with one unpleasant feeling, for I am about to speak and have 3 meetings here today. I have asked the Boston Board to cable me "yes" if I may go to Cyprus, "no" if I can not and "wait letter" if my going is conditional. You aill also act promptly I am sure, as delay will greatly inconvenience Mrs. Amos, who is depending upon me as interpreter and will be quite unable to do anything till I know if I can go or nor.

Love to all the ladies at the Rooms.

Sincerely yours,
I. Mellinger.

Pollock – Liverpool, Sep. 9. 1896.
Rec'd Sep. 21,

Star Hall. Ancoats.
Manchester. England
Oct. 1/96.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your favor of Sept 18th & 19th have just reached me. I await your decision in perfect confidence that you will be guided aright in whatever course you may take in regard to my going to Cyprus or not. As you decide so will I act.

I am so rejoiced that Miss Shattuck may soon have Miss Chambers with her.

You have doubtless noticed that there is considerable agitation in England over the Armenian question. There is a strong party who believe England should go in at once & fulfill her pledges & see that Christians have reforms promised long ago. There is another party just as strong who urge a "concert of the great Powers" which means a concert to do nothing. If I did not know that God reigns I would say that this later party would overcome.

Hoping I shall hear soon from you & from Constantinople, I am

Sincerely yours.

Ida Mellinger.

Manchester, Oct. 1-96

Rec'd Oct. 12

Star Hall. Ancoats.
Manchester. England.
Oct. 21/96.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.
Congregational House.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your very kind letter of Sept 30th reached me last week. I waited to reply until a committee of my friends had met & decided upon my actions. Their decision yesterday was that I had better remain in England a few weeks more & continue in giving information about the Armenians, so that funds for the destitute would be assured in some degree. It does seem absolutely essential for some one to do this work. It ought to be one who knows the people – the Armenians – some one who has lived among them. At present I seem to be the only person available. After a few weeks I expect to join Mrs. Amos in Cyprus. I am not so much needed there at present because the work has not actually begun. as there is great difficulty in getting the Armenians from Turkey.

It was also decided by my English friends that my expenses would be assumed by them while I am in their employ. I cannot now say for how long a time they want me, I presume though for the remainder of this year. I am grateful to have you say that the American Board & the Western T. M. would have no objection to my resuming missionary work after such service in Cyprus. I have no possible wish to sever myself from the American Board to which I gave my life.

The English *people* are taking up the Armenian question with much earnestness, but the *politicians* are constantly checking any movement the people suggest or wish. I am almost hopeless. I feel sure the other powers will do nothing. & England will wait till the Armenians are exterminated. A dark & suffering winter is before our missionaries & the people.

I think I may not have given you the names of any of my friends but will do so now if you wish at any time to communicate with them.

Mr. F. W. Crossley. Star Hall. Ancoats. Manchester.
Prof. Rendal Harris. Clare College. Cambridge.
Canon Rawnsley. Keswick.
Prof. Ramsay. 11 College Bounds. Old Aberdeen. N.B.
Mr. Percy Bunting 11 Endsleigh Gardens. London. N.W. who is editor of the Contemporary Review & brother in law of Mrs. Amos.

Most Sincerely Yours.

Ida Mellinger.

Manchester, Oct. 21, 1896.

Rec'd Oct. 30.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
.. OF THE ..
FRIENDS · OF · ARMENIA

OFFICES: 53 Victoria St. Westminster.
London.

Nov. 9 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Congregational House, Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your letters of Oct. 17 + 29 gave me real satisfaction, + I am indeed glad to know that my remaining in England for a time meets with your approval. I myself feel that I can for the present do more for the Armenians here than if I were in Turkey. I am extremely busy + work increases day by day. I will send you a copy of the objects of the International Association, which is just now being formed, after the meeting of its members, this week. The Lord has been so good to me here + given me favor in the eyes of wealthiest as well as the best people of England. This makes me very humble, for you I am sure will remember that I had no ability as speaker, — it is all God given. My name is kept from the public & I exercise all caution possible.

You asked me if I were here to raise money & I think I replied that I was here to give information & that the money followed as a consequence. You may be pleased to know that some thousands of pounds has been one of the results of my work. Only about £1000 has passed through my hands – I ask that it be sent to some special purpose direct as I think that the wisest plan. Have sent to Oorfa over £700. & a good deal to Cyprus. There ~~are~~ is a strong feeling in England that this government must take decided action, but personal friends of Lord Salisbury have told me that they know he will do nothing unless *forced* to by the people. This International Association has been caring for the Armenians in Marseilles & in London & just now sending a deputation to help the many who are in Bulgaria. Their one object is to benefit the Armenian people.

Sincerely Yours.

Ida Mellinger.

London, Nov. 9, 1896.

Rec'd Nov. 21.

53 Victoria St.
Westminster, London
S.W.

Dec. 1/96.

Dr. Judson Smith
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Please let me know when my salary was discontinued. Mr. MacNaughton of Smyrna asks if it would cease with December. I do not know if it would stop at the beginning of the school year or at the New Year.

Sincerely yours.
Ida Mellinger

London, Nov. 9, 1896.

London, Dec. 1. 1896.

Rec'd Dec. 11.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
.. OF THE ..
FRIENDS · OF · ARMENIA

OFFICES: 53 Victoria St. Westminster. Dec 21 1896
London. S. W.

Dear Dr. Smith.

In reply to yours of Dec. 11th:
my friends here will pay my salary
beginning Nov. 1st.

Kindly let me have more information about orphanages. Where are they to be established & by whom? Who will have charge of them? &c. I am about to go to Scotland to speak, several weeks. & I will do what I can in regard to the orphanages, only I must know more of what is intended that I may satisfy those who wish to give.

Sincerely yours.

Ida Mellinger.

London, Dec. 20, 1896.

Rec'd Jan. 6, 1897.

53 Victoria St.
Westminster. London. S.W.
Jan 6/97.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Yours of Dec 29th just received. I enclose the objects of the society of which I am a member. I think you will find there is nothing whatever objectional in it. When the association was first spoken of before it was formed the object was to give such information of the present condition of Armenians as to arouse the people of England to a sense of their obligation. Now the only policy is such as is plainly stated in this paper. Still if you wish it I will withdraw myself from this society. I am sure I am doing nothing which you would not warmly sanction. I am speaking a great deal & many [illegible] earnest friends have been gained for our mission work. I say nothing at my meetings which I am confident you could ob-ject to. I tell a very simple story of the history of the Armenians of the work of the American missionary among them, & some things which I know of the massacres. I do not ask even for money but I tell the need & money follows as a consequence. I am doing more for the mission work in Turkey here in England than I could do at present in Turkey. If you care to know more definitely & will write to any of the addresses I gave you, it may be a satisfaction to know what they ~~would~~ will say. Mr. F. Crossley. Star Hall, Ancoats. Manchester. is the gentleman who is paying my expenses that I may remain here this winter.

I have no desire to sever myself from the Board, nor do think I am in any way doing that; which the Board would not approve of. I am still doing only what I first came to England for, to give information as to the real conditions of the Armenians.

Sincerely yours.
Ida Mellinger

Rec'd Jan. 30.
London, Jan. 18, 1897.

London, Jan. 6, 1897.

Rec'd Jan. 19.

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53 Victoria St.
Westminster. London. S.W.
Jan 18th/97

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your letter of Jan 5th just received & I hasten to reply. You wish to know who is paying my salary & what my "connection is with them": & what engagements I make in return for the compensation which I receive. Mr. Frank. W. Crossley, Star Hall, Ancoats, Manchester, pays my salary. He, you may remember, asked me to England to speak on the Armenian question - wanted to know if reports were reliable. He then undertook to pay only my travelling expenses. About Nov. 1st. it was thought best by him & my other friends for me to remain here for the winter, as the work in Cyprus did not open up as we expected. Mr. Crossley then said he would pay my expenses if I would remain in England for the winter & continue speaking. He has left me quite free to speak as I thought best

I keep a careful account of how I spend each penny & he, at any time, can look ~~them~~ it over. When my money is gone, I have my accounts ready to show him & he gives more. I go to him frequently for advice but this is the only connection between us. The only engagements I make in return for the compensation I receive is, that I continue speaking whenever the opportunity is favorable.

I shall now do what I can in helping about the orphans. I am grateful to you for the information you have given. Miss Shattuck has just written me asking me to send her £100 for the work in Adymon. & I shall do what I can for that place.

Most sincerely yours.

Ida Mellinger

London, Jan. 18, 1897.
Rec'd Feb. 1.

53 Victoria St.
Westminster
London. ~~W.C.~~
N.W.

Dear Dr. Smith.

I am no longer a member of the Association. I have withdrawn my name as you desired. I have asked Mr. Crossley to write you & I think he may have already done so. There seems much work still to be done. Am in Edinburgh & speaking almost daily. Will remain here till 2d week in March, then have engagements in Ireland. I am so glad you brought the care of the orphans to my notice. I find many willing to take up the support of a child. It has been suggested by my friends that I remain in England till the begining of next years' work, that is, till September, & then go, if it can be, to Smyrna. I am sure I am able to do more for the whole mission not

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by remaining here while the need is so great. Yet of course I remain only with your sanction & approval.

Have a meeting to day & must now prepare for it.

Sincerely yours.

Ida Mellinger

London,
Rec'd March 1. 1894.

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47 Victoria St.
Westminster
London. S.W.
March 3/97.

Dear Dr. Smith.

Your letter to Mr. Crossley was sent on to me. Mr. Crossley is dangerously ill & may not be able for weeks to attend to any matters of business. I note that you mention that you hope that by May or June the way will seem open for me to return to my mission work. My thought & the thought of some of my friends had been this, that I speak till May or first of June. The summer vacation would have begun then before I could reach Smyrna & I could not do any direct missionary work there till Sept. Therefore my wish was to remain in England during the summer & enter a school where I could get a little training as nurse. You know of course in any part of Turkey knowledge of nursing is most desirable. I would not devote my time to nursing, but as my work is among the women a little practical idea of it would be a great benefit. Dr. Gilford of Reading has offered to give me some instruction. He has given a course to other missionaries & they have found it most useful in their work abroad. I would like very much to take this course during the summer & when I spoke to Mr. Crossley of this about a month ago he agreed with me. These are my wishes, but if you think it best for me to return to Smyrna in May or June I will cheerfully do so.

Sincerely yours.

Ida Mellinger

London, March 3, 1897.

Rec'd March 15.

Dublin. Ireland
March 27th/97.

Dear Dr. Smith.

I received with deep gratitude your letter giving me permission to remain in England till Sept. if there were work for me here. I have spoken twice a day in Dublin for nearly two weeks. Dublin had already given £2000 to the Armenians & thought it had done all it could & the Armenian societies were about to be disolved, but learning of the great need still existing they have resolved to remain permanent. Several churches have formed fr branches of "Freinds of Armenia" to do what they can. The Quakers have done well indeed & each meeting house is to have a branch. Other denomenations have taken up the same idea, & the central committee of Dublin hope to get each church in the city to have a share in the work. I was two days in Belfast. Met some of the leading people & they wish me to return & they are to take up the work in the same way. It was about decided that Belfast would do all it could for the region of Erzroom. At least £500 has been one of the results of my visit here. I am just going to England for engagements made there.

F. H. Crossley. Star Hall. Ancoats, Manchester. has just gone Home. It is said that he actually broke his heart over Armenia. This is a great sorrow to me. for he was the closest friend I had in England. & he lived Jesus Christ's life as no other man I ever met. Mrs. Crossley is very poorly & fear this may be too much for her to bear.

Sincerely yours.

Ida Mellinger

Address. 47 Victoria St. Westminster.
London. S. W.

Dublin, Mch. 27-97

Rec'd April 5

47 Victoria St.
Westminster.
London. S.W.

April 13/97

Dear Dr. Smith.

I am in London for a few meetings & then return to finish my work of speaking in Ireland. I have a few more engagements in Scotland. Have also been invited to Wales. I have found no people so ready to respond & do their best as the Irish people. They have organized their work & intend to continue their aid till the need is passed. They desire to send out helpers. Some young people have offered their services. In two weeks I spoke 28 times & £1800 was given to the work. One lady gave £1000. this is to be distributed according to Mr. Peet's suggestions. Another lady gave £200 for the work in Smyrna. Some smaller sums were also given to Smyrna & I hope the churches will not have to be closed in the Smyrna field. The work here seems to open up more & more. I have more engagements than it is possible to fill. I think I have all I can possibly do till end of June. Every one goes away after that time so I hope to take a course of nursing during July & August. It gives me great satisfaction to see the work here becoming organized. It will remain permanent & will help the Armenians till the distress has passed. Those who have become interested in ~~orphan~~ orphanages will continue this interest. Lady Henry Somerset was actively engaged in this work but had to give it up to Mrs. Crosfield, because of ill health.

Sincerely yours.

Ida Mellinger

London, Apr. 13, 1897.

Rec'd Apr. 26.

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PRESENT SECRETARY.

Friends of Armenia,
Office: 47, Victoria Street, Westminster.

May 21 1897.

Dear Dr. Smith.

I have not known what to reply to your letter of April 29th. Let me show you as clearly as I can my present condition. I have engagement till last of June. Most of the time have two meetings a day. Have just finished a tour in North Wales speaking twice a day & forming branches of "Friends of Armenia" in Britain. (Each branch takes up some part of the work & supports from 1 to 100 or more orphans.) In September I am wanted for South Wales for 4 or 6 weeks. & then North of Ireland wants me for that same length of time. England has still some places where branches have not been formed. & I am asked to go there. As I now see I could go on with my work here with advantage till next December. I know as no one else does that I was in no way fitted for this work. & I did not want it but God has caused me to do it. You can I think see how one who has already been

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over much of England could go on & finish the organizing the whole. In fact a new one coming in could not do it. I fear the good work we have so well begun would result in but little if I should leave it just as it is. If I could be in the Office during the summer & put into the hands of our secretary all my correspondence & get the office in touch with the work which is now forming, & then could finish the organizing of the rest of Britain, taking till December — that seems to me the best thing for the work. Mrs. Crossley wishes to continue paying my expenses, as Mr. Crossley did, for the present.

If you thought best I could go to America & speak after December. I have made no *plans*. because if I cannot remain here & *still be a missionary* then I shall not stay. I will obey the Mission Board. & I know you want me to do what is best.

Just how much is needed to keep all the churches in the Smyrna field open? I would

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London, March 15, 1897.
Rec'd June 1.

like to be able to get money sufficient to keep all open. I hope if I am here a little longer that I can so interest friends that they will assure me that they will continue their help next year as well. The English people are enthusiastic in their desire to strengthen the hands of the missionaries. I have written you frankly & freely just as the work seems to me, because I am sure of your sympathy & advice.

I am sorry I write so much of what I do. This is not pleasant to me. Surely you know I do not mean to boast for I have no cause to do so.

Yours in His Service
Ida Mellinger

London, May 21, 1897.
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Nov. 9th. 1897.

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You kindly mentioned in your last that you would not expect me to write during my holidays and therefore I have not done so. I have been speaking since the latter part of Septemper. and each day is engaged till Dec. 17th. Am now in Belfast where a very full and satisfactory program is made out for three weeks. Have recently had a large meeting in Liverpool. Samuel Smith, M. P. was my chairman and sent up more than £100 . He is a man of great influence, and a series of meetings occupying a month will, be arranged in Liverpool for me if I can take them. My first meeting in Liverpool is to be given in Ira Maclearn's church. If the Board will give me permission to remain, there will be all I can do for many months, by way of speaking as well as oversight of the office. Miss Alcock, one of my closest friends, wrote you some weeks ago asking permission for me to stay some time longer. This work of course needs some one to make this work wholly his or her business. No one in England I suppose, cares as much as I do , because I have been a ~~mi~~ missionary among them. I am pretty sure that if I should leave this work that the office would collapse, All of those most interested and helping in the work say they know it could not continue. If I should consult my own wishes I would return to Turkey. This is no easy task and I am not in the least fitted for much that has been mine to do. Yet I know that tha Lord has blessed most wonderfully and if it His will for me to remain a while longer, and if the Board would allow me to return to mission work in Turkey when this is finished,, then I am willing to continue this for a time. We are now keeping some thousands of the Armenians alive by buying the work that they do and selling it in this land. We also have some hundred orphans.

It was a great pleasure last week to meet Dr. Fuller of Aintab. He is far from well and it would be serious for him to begin any kind of work at present.

I must now prepar for a large meeting this p. m. and also one this evening. I am so glad to be at work again.

Yours in His service.

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Ida Mellinger
London, Nov. 9, 1897
Rec'd Nov. 18

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Nov. 19. 1897.

Dear Dr. Smith,

I received and read with much satisfaction your letter of Nov 8th, I appreciate the kindness that allows me to remain in England till September. Here the work grows more and more and I believe that The ~~Pepls~~ people of Britain are taking a hearty interest in mission work in Turkey. I trust this may not grow less .

I had a very good meeting here in Belfast last night and a number of the churches are taking upon themselves the support of several orphans. A recent letter from Mr. Chambers asked me if we could not take up 100 orphans in Baiburt and so in Belfast this one place has been my special plea.

I am speaking here once each day and sometimes twice and as there must be a different topic for each address my time is pretty well taken in the preparation. Just at this time I have received from the Y. M. C. A. a list where they wish meetings. 80 days for meetings in different parts of Ireland are desired. I am so rejoiced in the interest that continues.

Please thank the Board for me . I am indeed grateful to help this work to continue.

Yours in His service.

Ida Mellinger

Belfast, Nov. 19, 1897.
Rec'd Dec. 1.

Adana. Turkey.
May 4th/98

L. B.
Rec'd 5-26-98
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Dear Mr. Barton.

I left London fully intending to travel thro this land with the purpose in view, which you may know. On arriving here, the missionaries who were assembled in Annual Meeting in Aintab, thought thought I should not attempt it. Kindly allow me to resign as a missionary of the American Board. In a short time I expect to take part in a little ceremony which will give me the name of Mrs. Dr. Kittashian. You have probably heard of him. I refused to marry him 3 years ago, & there has been no engagement till this week. You have heard of the work in England. I shall continue to give that work all possible assistance. I may return to speak in the autumn for a time.

Miss Newnham — a fine young woman, paying her own way, came with me as far as Smyrna & will go on from there to Harpoot. Four others who also pay their own way will also come out in Oct.

This is but a small part of ~~what~~ our English work. The last speaking I did was in Liverpool + the people resolved to take the support of 100 children at £660 a year. My work will be just as much for the mission as before — my heart is entirely in it. The missionaries here are very kind to me. We are leaving for Palestine but this city will be our address.

Yours in His service

Ida Mellinger

Adana, May 4, '98

Miss Helen E. Melvin
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Am. College Cons.
Nov. 1st 1890.

Dear Dr Smith,

I know it has been a long time since I wrote you last, but this has not been from any forgetfulness on my part. Others were writing at different times last year and I intended to do so in the Summer vacation. After I had attended to some necessary business and letter writing for the College I found my eyes were giving me serious trouble and I dared not use them much until I had good advice on the subject. The same difficulty and the necessity in other ways of husbanding my strength in order to get through with each days work has cut me off from all but a limited amount of work this fall. This has been a grief to me in many ways especially the fact that an additional burden has been laid upon others which they were ill-prepared to bear.

However this is more than enough in

publications

reference to myself. I wish rather to give you an idea of the way in which our first full college year has opened. We had reason to think at Commencement that the people about us were a good deal impressed with the advance we were making; but it has been very gratifying this year not only that our number of boarders has increased so much but that many are from distant parts of the Empire and the adjoining kingdoms or principalities. We have girls, for example, from Athens, Dardanelles, Bartoum, Caesarea, Aintab, Salonica, as well as Bulgaria and our immediate vicinity. Thus what we have always desired is being more and more accomplished and our girls will we hope carry a good influence to all parts of these lands.

It has also been a great comfort to us that the class of girls who are coming to us are rather older than in previous years with much earnestness and strength of character. There is also a higher tone among the girls who were with us a year ago which gladens us. It does seem as if many hearts were softened and that if God's blessing were to come upon us as it did two years ago we might see rich fruits. It seems to me He has put it into our hearts to more than usually hope for this. We need however the earnest prayers of all who are interested in this College and its work.

It is true that burdens and anxieties come upon us often that distract our minds and tend to draw away our thoughts from this our hearts desire. and for this also we need the prayers of our friends. It is often difficult not to be harassed and burdened over questions that yet are not in our power to settle.

We have been very thankful for such an addition to our number as Miss Gile has proved. She fits into her place as if she had been always with us. We remind ourselves when perplexities are great that are more thankful for our congenial happy family and the pleasant spirit among our girls than we could be if everything else were smooth and these relations uncomfortable.

Our number of boarders now is sixty eight - in January we expect four and perhaps eleven more. We have opened our upper dormitory in Barbour Hall and all the room there will soon be full. There is so much to bind one to the work here that I hardly like to think my face is turned homeward - but the doctors are very imperative and not really willing that I should remain at work until the end of the term. I of course could not feel right in leaving until my work is provided for - but we do hope to hear that Miss Lawrence can come to our aid. Please give my regards to Miss Smith.

Yours sincerely
Helen E. Melv

Con'ple, Nov. 15 '90.
Rec'd Dec. 5.

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

Manchester N. H.
571 Chestnut St.
~~Constantinople, Turkey,~~ April 15th 1891

Dear Dr Smith.

It has been constantly n my mind to answer your ind letter received shortly before ny leaving Constantinople. hile there, the last busy days ere filled to overflowing, but promised myself abundant ime for writing when I should each home. Unfortunately a ame arm and an attack f "La Grippe" have supplemented he weakness of my eyes and am much restricted by my octor's orders in regard to writing nd reading.

I did appreciate most fully r Smith what you wrote in egard to my coming home. hat and the kind consideration f my friends who insisted on ny leaving my work helped make it easier for me. here.

theless it has been a hard tr
for me. Yet I almost fear it
is wrong for me to feel it so
when I remember the wonderful mercy and loving kindness
that has been with me
through it all.

You referred to the fact that
I said little about myself in
my last letter. In truth I do
not find that an interesting
subject of which to write. But
I think you knew the doctors
in Constantinople considere
the trouble developing in my
eyes arose from the general
condition of my health, which
required my being under
the direct care of a physicia
For this reason after a short
rest at my home I came
here, where I am in the famil
and care of a doctor in wh
I have reason to feel great
confidence. I have already
experienced one unexpected
advantage. as I was threaten

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with a serious attack of "La Grippe" but was brought quickly through it by the prompt treatment and incessant watchfulness of my physician in a way that would have been hardly possible in my own home. There is every reason to expect that in time I can return to my work well and strong and I trust to many years of labor there. I am however constrained to see that I must "make haste slowly" in this matter of perfect recovery.

I cannot plan much as yet for the future, but if my eyes have improved sufficiently by next winter I am anxious to have some opportunity to do advanced work in connection with my department somewhat as Miss Fensham has done in hers. We all feel the need of learning as much as possible from those who are doing the best work,

in the short time we ar
in this country.
This letter is full of my ow
interests. But anything I coul
tell you of the work of Con
College during the winter
would be at second hand
and probably what you
have already heard. I a
very happy that Miss Smi
is on her way to the assistan
of the hard worked teachers
there. The first letters I receiv
on my arrival in America
made me very anxious
but of late the word has
been more encouraging.
The account I received of
charter day was exceedingly
interesting.

I have many opportunities
to speak in reference to
our work, but at present
every thing of the sort is
forbidden. Indeed I have
not been able to attend any

such meetings as a listener-

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I am enjoying to day my first Arbutus Blossoms for eight years and find it a delicious treat.

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I must ask you to excuse such an intensely personal letter. There are many subjects in reference to the needs and advancement of our work and college of which I would gladly speak but my eyes forbid further use and I must delay this letter no longer.

Yours gratefully

Helen E. Melvin.

Miss Helen E. Melvin 5
Manchester, April 15, 1891
Rec'd April 17

Chester. N. H.
Dec. 24, 1891.

Dr. Judson Smith;

Dear Sir,

My sister. Miss Helen E. Melvin. requests me to acknowledge, for her, your notice (Nov. 21.) of the kindly action of the Prudential Committee. in confirming the grant suggested by the ladies of the Woman's Board, in her behalf.

She has deferred this

acknowledgment in the hope of writing more at length, but, as yet, she is restricted by her physician with regard to letter writing, on account of the state of her health.

She appreciates the kind interest which you have expressed for her full recovery.

Yours truly,
Harriette A. Melvin.
For
Helen E. Melvin.

Miss Harriet A. McIlvaine. S

Chester, Dec. 24. 1891.

Rec'd Dec. 26. 1891.

Mt. Holyoke College
South Hadley Mass.
June. 9. 1894.

Dr. Judson Smith,
Congregational House.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your letter of May 31 was forwarded to me here, where I have been during the spring.

I can understand, why - taking the view that they do, of my health and relation to the work - it should seem wise to the Officers of the Board that my connection with it cease.

Personally, it would have been a great joy to me if they had felt that decision might be deferred another year. When I had reason to expect that I might return, with my physician's sanction, to the work which must always be a part of my life. But I did not expect this when I sent my resignation.

It is however, painful to me, under any circumstances, to have a misconception of my health and ability to work prevail among those who know of me. I am now stronger, with health more firmly established, than in February. I have been steadily at work, as a student, during this term, and expect to be ready for whatever work offers itself, in the coming year.

I appreciate, Dr. Smith, the kindness with which you informed me of the Committee's decision, and your own personal words. I realize that - although the obstacle in my way may be, not my health but a mistaken conception of it on the part of some -, nevertheless it is what my Heavenly Father permits and He over-rules all.

Once more, thanking you for the kindness of your letter, I am,

Very sincerely yours.

Helen E. Melvin.

Miss Helen M. Melvin

South Hadley, June 9, 1894

Filed June 12

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Miss Minnie B. Mills
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Olivet, Michigan.
July 15, 1897.

Dr. Judson Smith:
Congregational House
Boston Mass.

Dear sir:

Your letter of July 12 at hand. I thank you for your cordial welcome to the ranks of the missionaries of the American Board. I feel it is indeed a privilege to become a member of such a force.

I was glad of the in

formation which your letter contained and I shall write to Miss Lawrence at once.

Can you tell me about when I will be expected to leave home?

May I also ask what salary I shall receive and when it is paid? I do not ask from any fear that it will not be all right, but that I may make my plans accordingly.

I shall spend the summer at my home in Olivet, Michigan, to which place please address all communications.

Earnestly desiring the guidance of the Divine Spirit in all matters
I am Yours truly
Minnie B. Mills.

Miss Minnie B. Mills.

Olivet, July 15. 1897. S+

Rec'd July 19.

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Olivet, Michigan.
July 28, 1897.

Dr. Judson Smith:
Congregation House. Boston.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 24th is at hand and I hasten to reply with regard to time of sailing. It would indeed be very pleasant to go with the party you mentioned but for several reasons I would much prefer to go two or three weeks later. I have a sister who expects ~~will~~ to be married the last of Aug. or first of Sept. though it may be a little earlier, so we have been busy and I have just begun preparations for my out-fit.

A second reason is that
my only brother is awa
from home for the sum
mer, expecting to be with u
after Sept. 1st. In other way
it will hurry me conside
able to go so early. Are any-
going to Turkey so that I
could have company the
last of Sept.? I realize tha
the reasons given above
are none of such importan
that if in your judgemen
I had better ~~go~~ sail Sept. 4
~~that~~ they need stand in th
way. It is only that I
much prefer to go later but
will willingly go then if
you think best for you kno
more about the journey
and best time for crossin
the water than I do. Of cours
I would wish to know at
once that I could hasten

my preparations.

I have already written for seventy-five dollars of my outfit money which I received this morning. I have considerable dentistry work to be done and will make most of my personal purchases close at home.

I shall be glad to communicate with Mr. Swett as soon as I know more definitely what I want.

I had a nice long letter from Miss Lawrence. I may be able to spend a day or two with her on my way east.

Most sincerely yours,
Minnie B. Mills.

Miss Minnie B. Mills. S

Olivet, July 28, 1897.

Rec'd Aug. 2.

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Olivet, Michigan.
August 9, '97.

Dr. Smith:
Cong. House Boston, Mass.

Dear sir:

I was about to write you that I had decided to sail with the party which goes Sept. 4th when your letter arrived saying it was best for me to do so. I now feel I prefer to go then and am glad it is settled. I certainly would not wish to lessen my usefulness by not being present at the opening of the school.

I need fifty dollars more toward my outfit, which amount will you kindly send me. I shall write to Mr. Swett this week with regard to the things I wish him to purchase for me. I want to be careful in my expenditures and trust you will feel free to give me any advice you may see fit with regard to them. The value of the furniture which is in Smyrna will be discounted from the $250 will it not?

Shall I go directly from here to New York or will you want me to come to Boston before I sail?

I should also like some direction about packing my things. Shall I pack boxes and send them by freight and should they go before I do?

I shall be grateful for any suggestions you may think best to give me.

Very truly yours,
Minnie B. Mills.

J. ans. for Mr. Swett. Aug. 14. '97.

Miss Minnie B. Mills
Olivet, August 9, 1897
Rec'd Aug. 12

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Olivet, Michigan
August 21, 1897.

Dr. Judson Smith:
Congregational House, Boston, Mass.
Dear sir:

I write to ask you a few questions. What time Sept. 4th does the steamer on which I sail leave New York? Is there a particular route you will wish me to take to New York? If not and there are no objections I should like to go via ~~of~~ Cleveland and stop a few hours with Miss Lawrence at Painesville. Will you send the tickets or means with which to purchase them, or am I expected to furnish them and hand in account of expenditures to Board. I have not the means but could doubtless borrow it. I shall of course want directions as

to where to go when I reach New
City.

Very truly yours.

Minnie B. Mills.

Olivet, Aug. 21. 1897

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Miss Minnie B. Mills

Olivet, Michigan
Aug 23, 1897.
Rec'd Aug. 26

Dr. Smith
Dear sir:

I have received no instructions with regard to obtaining my passport. Should I apply at once to the Sec. of State at Washington, or have you blanks so that the matter can be attended to when I reach New York City?

I find myself obliged to ask for ten dollars more toward my outfit.

I spoke in my last letter of going to New York by the way of Cleveland in order to visit Miss Lawrence at Painesville but find that it would be much more direct and an easier journey not to do so. Perhaps I had better not attempt to see her, much as I should enjoy doing so.

Very sincerely yours,
Minnie B. Mills.

Flint, Michigan.
Aug 27, 1897.

Dr. Judson Smith:
Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

Dear friend:

Your favor of Aug. 25th received this morning. I am glad to know just what is in my room at Smyrna

I shall plan to visit Miss Lawrence, and reach New York sometime Friday, where any further arrangement that should be made can doubtless be attended to.

Thanking you for your kindness to me, I am

Yours truly,
Minnie B. Mills.

Olivet, Aug. 27. 1897.

Rec'd Aug. 31

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

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SUPPLIED ON REQUEST.

REV. C. C. CREEGAN, DISTRICT SECRETARY,
No. 121 BIBLE HOUSE,
NEW YORK.

Sept. 3, 1897.

Dr. Judson Smith:
Congregational House. Boston

Dear Friend:

I arrived safely last night. I found I could not make good connections via Cleveland so came right through on the Grand Trunk line. It is a disappointment not to have seen Miss Lawrence.

I return, filled out, the blank you sent me. My mother will send you my photograph.

I do not know just how I stand with regard to my outfit money. I have had $135 in money and have ordered a few things through Mr. Swett, the cost of which I do not know. Will you kindly send me a statement that I may know whether or not I can make a few

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NEW YORK.

purchases in England. There are a few things I need, but if I have had the full amount I can wait until a little later.

Can you tell me what my salary will be or is that decided at Smyrna? I should like a little idea of how much it is to be.

I feel greatly favored in having the company of so fine a party. I have met several of them and anticipate a pleasant journey.

We shall be in London until Sept. 20th. If you wish to write me there address the letter in care of Mr. Burr, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury London. At Vienna, until Sept 28th. Hotel Hammerand, VIII Alserstrasse. If there is anything for me of the outfit fund, & you will send a draft I shall be grateful. Yours truly

Minnie Mills.

New York, Sept. 3, 1897
Rec'd Sept. 8

Smyrna, Turkey.
Sept. 29, 1897.

Dr. Judson Smith:
Congregational House, Boston.

Dear friend:

You will be glad to hear that our steamer arrived safely at Smyrna yesterday noon. I have had a *most* enjoyable journey due to delightful company, pleasant weather, and excellent health all the way, and have reached Smyrna quite rested. Here I found a warm reception and a pleasant and comfortable home. For all these things I do indeed feel

very grateful, and trust
that under so favorable
conditions, I shall be able
to do much good in the
Master's service.

Most sincerely yours,
Minnie B. Mills.

Miss Minnie B. Mills. 54

Smyrna, Sep. 29. 1897.

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Miss Cora A. Nason 278

West-Superior, Wis.
Sept. 10 1894.
Rec'd Sept. 13.

My dear Mr Daniels:-

In reply to yours of Sept. 6th, I can say that I am ready to begin preparations at once. Not knowing just what or how much needs to be done in getting ready for this field, I cannot tell how long the preparations will probably take. But they shall be hastened with all due speed. Perhaps you have in mind a desirable date for sailing, that it would be well to make if possible. My parents, as

well as myself, are muc
pleased that Turkey is the
appointed place.

I have now a ques
and a little advise to ask,
Does the American Board ha
a use for trained nurses?
I have a cousin, who, in Janu
next, completes a course of
training as nurse in St. Lu
Hospital, St. Paul. She is a
girl of noble character, bu
has not had much schoo
as she is an orphan and
has been largely dependant
upon her own resources
since a child. But her
desire to become a refined
and useful Christian wom
has led her to observe closely

and make the utmost of every opportunity. She lived in the family of Rev H. H. Hart of St. Paul, whose name I furnished you a few months ago, for over two years and is personally known by some of the people of Plymouth church of which she has been a member for several years. Some time ago Miss Inman expressed a desire to become a foreign missionary but was discouraged by us and by Mr. Hart's people on account of her lack of a thorough education. Though she has not confided as much to me, I believe that her hope now is, that; as a trained nurse, she may be a particularly useful woman — perh a missionary. Would it be well for us to encourage her in the matter? Nothing would delight her more.

Sincerely,

Cora A. Mason.

West Superior, Wis.
Sept. 17, 1894.

My dear Mr. Daniels:—

A few matters occur to me that we may need to understand. You make no mention of any house keeping outfit. I have the impression that Miss Gage and Miss King, friends of mine who went a year ago to Marsovan, provided themselves with articles for housekeeping by themselves. Do I need to do the same? Next Sunday the twenty-third, I shall be in Fairmont; Minn. taking in the Minnesota State Association at Aust on the previous Thursda I shall be in Superior again by the twenty sixth If possible I shall also attend the Annual Meetin of the Board at Madiso

How many books do you consider that a "small well selected librar contains? Is there any difficulty in preserving books in Turkey?

I do not know the address of any missionaries with whom I can correspond, but that may not be very necessary as a friend of Miss King has kindly offered to give me the advantage of her investigations.

Sincerely

Cora A. Mason.

Miss Cora A. Nacon,
West Superior, Wis.
Sept. 17, 1894

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Fairmont Minn.

Mon: morning Sept: 24 '94

My dear Mr Daniels,-

I do not see how it will be possible for me to be ready by the date you mention. Friends of Miss Moulton who sails Oct: 31st say that her party for India goes via Constantinople If this is correct could I not be one of that—

company? Miss Moulton is a friend of mine.

This delightfully rural town does not have Sunday trains, hence this reply is delayed one day.

In haste
Cora A. Anson

Miss Cora A Mason
Rec'd Sept 26 '94

Constantinople Nov. 9 '94.

Rev. Judson Smith.

My dear Sir:-

You will be glad to know of my safe arrival in Constantinople only two days ago. It seems, however, probable that I shall need to remain here until about the twenty fifth of the month, as at that time Dr. and Mrs Farnsworth are expected from Cesarea and their escort in coming can be mine in returning.

The delay in purchasing furniture seems indeed wise, especially as I learn, since reaching this city, that certain articles of furniture are very well made in Cesarea.

Very Sincerely
Cora A. Nason.

Miss Cora A. Nason

Constantinople, Nov. 9. 1894.

Rec'd Nov. 26.

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Talas. Turkey in Asia.
Dec. 31 1894

Rev. C. H. Daniels:-

My dear Friend.

After many days I have reached Talas, not exactly "safe and sound" but exceedingly thankful to be at the end of the journey, and so far recovered that I hope to walk without a cane by the end of one week more.

You have doubtless learned through Mr Fowle's letter to Dr. Smith of the accident that occurred a few hours this side of Marsovan and of how we were obliged to return to that place for repairs and recovery from our injuries. They were not; however, as serious as might have been and after a week and a half we ventured on again reaching here last Wednesday, January twenty sixth, having made the distance between Marsovan and Cesarea in six and a half days.

I did not present an interesting spectacle climbing in and out of the wagon on a rude step ladder nor were the snow, ice and cold winds of the mountains agreeable; but those things are all of the past and I have more reason to be thankful for what was not than to regret what was.

There truly is great need of help here. Miss Closson is in very poor health and any considerable assistance from me is, of course, a matter of the future. I begin the study of Turkish today.

With the best of wishes for the New Year

I am, Very Sincerely,

Cora A. Tuson.

Miss Cora A. Nason

Tales. Turkey

Dec. 31. 1894

Talas, Turkey in Asia.
Nov. 30, 1896.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your letter of Oct. 22 reached me yesterday and I take this early opportunity of replying. In regard to an agreement between Miss Burrage Miss Closson and myself that a letter be written to you once a month by one of us, I cannot speak very hopefully. Miss Burrage's cares are heavy, and Miss Closson, though she had much leisure, would not do much letter writing. Doing not writing is her specialty and the latter is usually avoided if possible. I shall, however, be glad to let you know from time to time something of what we are doing for girls and women.

It has been a great delight to me that my father and mother were able to attend the Annual Meeting at Toledo, and thus meet you, Dr. Farnsworth, Dr. Dodd and others most interested in work in Turkey.

their giving me so unreservedly to Missionary service is a source of strength and courage to me. We were indeed disappointed that Mrs Seelye could not be one of our number this year. We had hoped in addition to Mrs. Seelye to secure a graduate of the Girls' College at Constantinople for our school - a former pupil and an efficient young woman, but fear of life in the interior prevented her coming. School opened at the appointed time but with a less capable corps of teachers than we had hoped for. We were fortunate, however, at the last moment in being able to get the services of a Greek who has been teaching in the boys' school in Tarsus ~~for~~ several years, but who was to be at home this year with his family who live near our church. Though not a first-class teacher, he is a cultivated Christian gentleman, and one whose influence is always good. His knowledge of English has made it possible for us to carry on full English work. For this we are very thankful. Women teachers suitably prepared to teach efficiently the higher studies in our Girls' Boarding Schools are very rare. Were there a good Boys' High School here in Talas, the question would be easily solved for us as it is in Marsovan, where some of the most advanced subjects are taught by Professors from the College. Such help, however, is as yet a thing of the future. The work we are doing for orphans forms a very pleasant feature of our work this year. Twenty three who were received toward the close of last year are with us again happy as girls can be with good food, good clothes, some work and lots of fun. Some of them came literally in rags, none had shoes or anything warm for winter. So Miss Closson is bending every energy, not only towards the general welfare of the school; but towards furnishing the orphans with clothes. Each girl has a plain but neat cotton dress for every day wear, and now a woolen dress for ~~each girl is in process of development~~. What to do towards teaching these girls useful kinds of work is a problem we have not yet attempted to solve. Our school is not in any sense an industrial school, nor do we wish to make it one, but such training is what the orphan girls and boys most certainly need. Meanwhile orphanages are slow in coming. Miss Burrage is doing a most heroic work in Cesarea. She has fitted up a room in the Kindergarten building and there she lives alone, except as to native companionship. Once a week Miss Burrage comes out to Talas for a night and sometimes to spend one day, but only for a short time will she leave the children and the work among the women that appeals so strongly to her!" About three weeks ago when a massacre in a town not far off had created a panic in Cesarea Miss Burrage would not come out here for her weekly outing but stayed in the city to comfort the fearful and to make the kindergarten, by her presence in it, a place of refuge should another massacre occur. But another such a calamity as visited us a year ago today has not been repeated and we earnestly hope it will not. The massacre just referred too was in Evereck a village of some size about a days journey from here. I am not informed as to the cause of the outbreak but report says about thirty killed and seventy wounded.

We expect Mr. Fowle home this week. Then our total number will be swelled to six! There are now no children in the station. I am glad for the children, but we who are left miss them sorely. The last post brought the resolutions of the American Board regarding missionaries and their work in this country. Such warm words of appreciation and such a pledge to stand by the cause until "the whole land is won for the kingdom of Christ" gives one a new thrill of hope and gladness in the thought of serving in such a glorious triumphant cause.

Yours Sincerely,

Cora A. Mason.

Talas, Nov. 30, 1896.

Rec'd Dec. 22

Copy.

Cesarea, Talas, Turkey in Asia.
March 29th, 1897.

My Dear Miss Pollock:

Our numbers as a station have been sadly diminished during the past two years. This winter we have been six in all. But Mr. Fowle has been on the road most of the time, and shortly after the kindergarten in Cesarea opened last fall, Miss Burrage took up her abode in the city, in order to better superintend that work and to look after the Bible women who want much counsel. Once a week Miss Burrage has come out to Talas to spend the night, but the rest of the time her face has been inflexibly turned towards the needs of the Cesarea people. This winter's work of patient, loving service carried on quite alone, is only the climax of six years of uninterrupted labor, during which Miss Burrage has not been once outside of Cesarea or Talas. Often the request comes that we tell of our needs. If Mrs. Seelye is in our school next year we do not need to call so loudly for another helper in the Girls' Boarding School. But a new need has arisen. We are wishing now for a trained kindergartner who shall take Miss Burrage's place and leave her free to tour and devote herself especially to Bible work among the women. Mrs. Farnsworth and Miss Closson have done a good deal of touring in their younger days, but Mrs. Farnsworth is now in America and both have earned a respite. So there is no woman in our field who is at liberty to do that very important and interesting work, and no one so well fitted as Miss Burrage. Such work requires a knowledge of the language and the people that only years of service can give as you, of course, very well know. This talk of a new kindergartner is as yet only a family affair. It has not come formally before the station for a vote, much less before the Mission, but I feel that it is a question of importance. There should be training classes every two or three years and to these classes would be sent and have been in the past girls from neighboring stations where kindergarten work is wanted. There is a large kindergarten in Cesarea, one also in Yosgat and the Talas one should be opened again next year.

Yours in the Master's work,

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Cora A. Nason.

Cesarea, March 29, 1897.
Rec'd June 16.

March 29, 1897.

Mrs. F. M. Newell
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Wolfboro' - N.H. Feby 21st '90

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Dear Dr. Smith:

When your letter was rec'd. I was waiting for a reply to a letter to "Cook & Son" about the price of tickets over different routes; they are rec'd. but the adv. does not give dates of the sailing of Steamers for Liverpool. I will not wait longer for definite information, but will write again soon. Miss Jones is at "Moody's school in Chicago" and desires the most possible time there. The letters from Constple urge our hastening: All circumstances onsidered, I think the "middle f April" will be the best time for us to sail: this will allow us to reach Cons'ple. in season for An. Meeting. A letter from Dr. Greene asks the feasability of having meetings during the vacation months, in the Mission House at Gedik Pas to be conducted by Mr. Jenanyan. What would you consider wise Of course Miss Jones and I shal not need a vacation rest at that time, but we had a good plan of regular language lesson If the Evangelist can come. I incl to think every interest should ben to a course of meetings. hoping for a revival in Cons'ple. - for a blessing like that at Aintab. We have had showers of blessing here, and nearly 200 have confessed Christ. It will give us great pleasure to have Mis Webb to travel with us. Soon as we know the route we take

and time of sailing, we will communicate with you.
What a remarkably pleasant winter we are enjoying!
With kindest regards to you and your good wife

Very truly yours
F. M. Newell.

Mrs. F. M. Newell.

Wolfboro, Feb. 21, 1890

Rec'd Feb. 24

Cons'ple - June 5th 1890.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Last Monday, 3rd inst. our party, Misses Jones, Webb, Master Frankie and I reached this city in health and safety. On the Atlantic, we had a comfortable but very slow passage, being thirteen days on S.S. Catalonia! After a few days for rest and sight-seeing in London, Paris, Milan and Venice, we took S.S. Imera of the Italian line from Venice to Cons'ple and had eight pleasant *restful* days on the Mediterranean, with opportunity to visit Corfu

d Athens. We found the An-
meeting in session: two days later
t closed and the missionary
riends are nearly all journeying
ack to their stations, and workers
i Cons'ple - are settling down
o the regular routine.

When the work of Gedik Pasha
was before the meeting, there was
no one directly interested, that
s, no one connected with it,
present, to speak for or of it.
The An. M. voted that Miss
Gleason, in case of her return
be sent to Ada Bazaar to aid
in Miss Farnham's return to
America - &c. In the few
days spent here, since my
return, I see very plainly the
urgent need of Miss Gleason
here, and I rely on your last
promise to me in Boston, to
send her here, just as soon

s her health will allow - Mr. & Mrs. Bowen have lready moved out of town - nd as Miss Twichell says - heir going is an irreparable oss to the work here - Mrs. Bowen has been regular in attendance on the Sabbath the past year and n S. S. and other dep'ts. of the ork here, has been a great help. In one week Miss Twichell and her mother go t Switzerland for the Sum. to return in the autumn there, Miss Twichell is to be married and go immediately after, to Broussa. rom the Native friends here, have received a most cordial welcome - With proper and sufficient help, I shall have hope the work may not uffer overmuch. Miss L- elt greatly overburdened i the year I was in the U. S -

nd for the past few months
he has been ill from over-
ork, as her mother believes,
n a way to alarm. Now,
take the work as I find it
ith a decrease in the S.S.
nd both day schools, and instead
reinforcement, to have Mr. & Mrs.
Bowen withdrawn, and Mrs.
wichell's place supplied by Miss
ones new from America,
ith only a little practical
experience, is a burden greater
than I can assume. Miss Twichell
as worked hard and successfully
but there is a limit to the
ime and strength of every one.
Hoping you will see to it
hat proper help is furnished
iss Sheldon, so that she can
leave Miss Farnham free for
e rest she needs, and at the
ame time, send Miss Gleason
o this work, I wait _ I have

nough of nervous wear, in taking
p the work under such disad-
antages, after a years absence,
ithout time to learn even of
l the changes which have crept
n, before I find myself alone
s far as any experience or
anguage goes. So I cannot think
pleading the needs to the Com-
d Interior, when the thoughts of
ll its members are full of
etrenchments - of pleading at
a meeting which we never
nter and in which we have
o vote - but shall expect
ou to carry out your plans.
Concerning the work in Gedik
asha. Please do remember
ask in prayer for Miss Jones
d me, grace according to the
eed - ere this reaches you
shall be in this Moslem city,
tamboul, the only American resi-
nts among more than half

a million – and already I wonder if I can – not what I would do, but if I can spend the year here; for Miss Jones, I am so sorry. With beautiful memories of our happy home land and grateful thoughts to you and the many friends there who were so kind to me during my stay in America, With all good wishes for you and Mrs. Smith whom I am so glad to know, I subscribe myself

Very Truly Yours
F. M. Newell.

Mrs. F. M. Newall. 5

Constantinople, June 5, 1890.

Rec'd June 23.

Cons'ple. Turkey. Nov. 25th. 1890.

Rev. Judson Smith. D.D.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Peet asks of us an explanation of the clause in your recent letter to him, reading, "as Miss Gleason does not leave America as was expected, she will not probably be needed in Gedik Pasha" All through the Summer Miss Jones and I were compelled by circumstances, to work here in hot dusty Stamboul, (except the two weeks in Aug. when I was put one side by severe sickness.) Miss Jones is a very brave, efficient worker and has rare qualities of adaptability to, and fitness for, this many sided work. most generously has she thrown herself into it, and she has spent time for it, which should have gone for language study — a thing I know from hard experience, is very poor economy. Miss Jones is now in the hands of the doctor, partly, doubtless, from acclimation, but more from over work. We have tried to select wisely what should be done and what left undone, but after leaving out many things which seemed urgent and important, we have since Sept., worked seven days and evenings every week! So in answer to your query, unless some one comes to the relief soon, not only Miss Gleason will be needed in the Spring, but some

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strong associates for her. I speak this advisedly, after considering the work and strength of the workers looking at the long stretch of weeks before us, with no Sabbath-day rest nor even the vacation rest of the holidays, granted in most departments of the work in Turkey. We are not tired of this work in Gedik Pasha, to me it seems more interesting, important and attractive than ever before. I only mean to say, that very few persons can endure to have all work with no relaxation or society, for nature has a way of paying off abuse!

When Miss Twichell and I left Broussa, we were promised the work in Stamboul should be supported by a missionary family resident, who should have time: that help was given in good Dr. Fuller but almost as quickly withdrawn, and we were left without even the support of Mr. & Mrs. Peet as next door neighbors, as was granted to Mrs. Schneider & Miss Gleason, a help they considered altogether insufficient at that time; since then, has been added to the work in this house, two day schools, an evening school, an afternoon and weekly evening prayer meeting, and the two preaching services at the Rest in Koum Kapou, each one of which opens new avenues of work and calls for more time than we have to put into it.

{ You know how disheartened I was. to return, instead of with a third lady to be associated with Miss Twichell and me, (as had been reccommended long before by you and Miss Child, and greatly desired by us,) to return to be alone with one new to customs and language: you know how I staggered and well nigh fainted, when on our reaching here Mr. & Mrs. Bowen who had given so much help in the work in Gedik Pasha, moved from Stamboul, and Miss Twichell with her mother went to Switzerland and we were left the only American residents in this great city with its more than half million — not only left as the only residents of the American Board, but left alone to care for this important work. Following this shock, in quick succession came the riots, assassinations and the dynamite plot, and things you will learn with surprise when such a reign of terror no longer prevails. At times our streets have been like those of a deserted city, save the patrol of soldiers and police. the prisons were full of those arrested and the houses full of the terrified ones left. Miss Jones has shown great fortitude, and happily could not understand the tales of woe, that were constantly rehearsed. I have prayed as never before, "Calm me and keep me calm" that strength needed for the work should not be given to useless worry, ~~if~~ we don't always find it easy to throw off the feeling of responsibility, even after we have reached the limit of our working capacity! Spite of the efforts of the Gov't. to keep out foreign thought by restricting the workers, we have never before had such opportunities for aggressive work. Neighbors, who are prominent in society, and who have during all our years in Cons'ple. passed us by in silent contempt, have called on us this Summer, and receiv'd us to their homes in great friendliness: never before have we had so many people coming to the house: we consider these visitors an important factor in our work, and so try always to receive all who come, whether it be morning noon or night. Miss Jones does not feel equal to entertaining callers nor visiting in the houses alone, on account of language, so going out among the people is reduced almost to its minimum: another reason why the coming of Miss Gleason should be hurried.

Our S.S since Sept. has an average of 235, one third larger than last year, and larger than any previous year.

In the day schools we have 80, all paying tuition: this is a larger number than we have registered any previous year.

After being suspended for two years, our evening school was opened in Sept. and I cannot tell you the joy and satisfaction we have in this department. With one less American teacher than formerly and no additional native help, we not only have twice as many scholars, but they come in the main from a different circle from that we have been allowed to reach before. We have four nationalities, and among them are representatives of some of the prominent Greek, Armenian and Moslem families in Stamboul: out of the evening school grew the demand for an afternoon class of 15 young men from the Gov't. medical school - those who could not come at night. In all there were registered last month 84 students. We are cheered by seeing many of these new faces in our S.S. in the prayer meeting or at the preaching service at Koum Kapou. This afternoon class was suspended last week by order of the Minister of public instruction: (there were 12 Moslems in the class!) it has been a privilege to teach them: we know by the word they send us, that we shall see them again - among them are those who cannot much longer be held down by petty tyranny.

Isn't it wonderful that we are accorded the respect and courtesy they have invariably shown us, and that we have been accepted as teacher by a people who by faith and practice give their women a place in such marked contrast? This has not failed to attract the attention of the Moslem women, and I believe it has already been an incentive to them, to attain to something different from that they have known. Among the Moslems who still come regularly for instruction are two theologues from the Mosque - five times a day from the Minaret they proclaim God great, and in the name of Mahomet beg the people not to listen to Satan and the devil, but come to the mosque and say their prayers; they seemed quite surprised to learn that our prayers were expreſsion of thought or wish instead of memorized passages from our religious books. Miss Jones says that in no other place does she feel herself quite so much of a missionary, as when teaching these men in turbans and long flowing robes - one of them a lineal descendent of the prophet, as declared by the green turban supported by a written document legally signed; they have minds developed about equally to that of a ten year old American: in contrast to these, we have one Bible student, a gentleman and a man of education, who is in medical practice here; he seems a most earnest enquirer after the truth: as you can easily understand I find myself beyond my theology as well as language: you would better understand how much we need a missionary here, were I to tell you in detail, of the unsucceſsful attempts made to arrange a meeting between Ali Bey and Dr. Greene. Never before have we been allowed so many new acquaintances among the Moslems. among them is one converted, living near us. who is quietly doing excellent work among his people: last week he called here — a few days after the death of his only child. the christian resignation he shows in this affliction and the consolation he finds in our Bible. give unmistakable evidence that he is truly a child of God. His first acquaintance with the truth came through reading a portion of the scriptures, for which he was bastinadoed with 35 stripes, so severe that he was insensible after the 16th blow. How we wait and wonder in these days of political disturbances, and how we long for the time when all in this Empire shall have religious liberty. Will you not remember us in your noon-day prayer-meeting at the Rooms. particularly in this work given us among the Moslems.

A few weeks ago, the protestant church society, asked to move from the place in Vlanga which they have occupied so long, to this house: it did

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not seem as if we could possibly muster strength or time for another element to be added to this work, neither did it seem best for the work we are trying so hard to promote among the non-protestants. However, it seemed too important a decision for us to make, so the matter was referred to the Com. Ad-Interim: the Com. voted it unadvisable under existing circumstances. The Vlanga Community have since hired the house we occupied when you were here, and worship there. The Gov't. continues the provoking delays about the permission to erect a new church building on the lot here in Gedik Pasha; so everything remains very indefinite. Mr. Peet, whom we consider a very wise adviser, considers the time far in the future, when the church here will be ready to take up the work we have in hand.

The lease of this house expires in Sept. with the privelege of releasing it either one or two years, as desired, *if* *notice* *is* given *in* *Jan.* The Jesuits are pushing their work here with much vigor, and seem to have no stint of money or workers: five have been added to the sisterhood, recently, in a school smaller than ours. The Catholic's own valuable land near here, but the Govt. does not permit them to build on it. Mr. Gargour wants to sell this house, and they have been to look at it. If we should fail to give notice according to the contract, it is doubtful if we could get another lease. Please advise us, at as early date as possible.

We are glad to have American neighbors so near as Mr. & Mrs. Peet at the Bible House, Mr. Peet is very busy with the work of the treasury, and we rarely see him outside his office; but he listens patiently and advises us most kindly when we go to him. Dr. Greene lives a very long distance from us: he was absent for several months after our return, on a tour in the interior and since he got home, we rarely see him for conversation: he has just time to hurry to the service at the rest in Koum Kapou and *immediately* after the benediction must rush to catch the train: beyond this preaching service his work and time must go for the people in Pera among whom he lives.

The Com. Ad. Interim freely admit the need of a missionary in Stamboul, but "because the appropriations are insufficient," they vote against a new one being sent. Our missionary has

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frankly said that the society in Stamboul does not allow him to take his family here, a feeling that many of our native protestant friends share: another, that he cannot live in the air where such sanitary conditions exist, and a third that he cannot expose his family to the malaria of this city. We admit all these arguments, and more because every missionary in Cons'ple is needed where he is: but the question comes to us with powerful emphasis, with men in America fitted for this work, is it right to leave this work here in the capital city of the Empire, so poorly provided for? Is it right to leave the field here in the centre of Moslem power in its present condition? Shall the Catholics be allowed to come in and take the city where so much pioneer work has been continued by faithful workers, through many years? It seems to us who are here in the work, that the least force which should be given now, to this quarter of Cons'ple is an addition of two ladies to our household and two missionary families – one to labor in the Turkish language and one in Greek. Here in our S.S. gathers a company of 75 or 80 Greeks – week after week, and we have represented in these only two or three protestant families, and we are left with not so much as even a native helper on this side the Golden Horn except our teacher, Cleoniki! Our good helper, whom you remember, Baron Stepan, our day school and our 16 S.S. teachers are doing excellent work: we are so happy in the quick response they have given in the demands of their time, this year — without money or price, and there are many more here, ready to give free loyal service for the Master, if there were American force to organize and help prosecute progressive work. Had I known the possibilities of this year, with no missionary on the ground, I would have stoutly refused to return to Turkey till our force were increased to four ladies to be engaged in this work = weak in faith, I thought the Lord could not carry on much of a work with only ladies new in language and me to direct it; now the Master, as if to teach me a lesson has opened more doors than we can possibly enter, till we are overburdened with opportunities. Unless I should break down in health and find it necessary to go home next year, I want to use the money which was granted me toward defraying my expenses to America last year, in starting an auxilliary work of this S.S. Somewhere in the outskirts where no protestant

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service reaches: with what contributions our S. S. would I am sure, make, the sum would be sufficient to take the untried experiment through one year—that is, sufficient to meet the expense of rent, benches and such like expenditures: consecrated, loyal workers are here, whom I feel sure will respond to the call, and the only lack is an American, who has time.

I can't think the good ladies at the Rooms have quite forgotton us, but we seem to have been entirely dropped out of their correspondence, and Miss Jones is equally unfortunate in her experience with W. B. of Interior. Will you burden them with our cry? Tell them how we long for branch work to be established in the name of the W. B. all through this city: tell them what a talisman the "Womans Board" is to us: only last week an order came from the Minister of Interior to the head of the protestant community that "this established must be closed because we not only sing but play an organ". As we belong to the W. B. and the W. B. does not belong exactly to anything here, nobody has found out yet, just how to serve that order legally, so we sing on and play on.

This plan of auxilliary work is no new idea and no fanatic plan, but one founded in prayer, long ago: the glimpses I had of city mission work last year, in New York and Boston, strengthened all convictions I had on the subject. Tell the ladies of America we are not satisfied with one S.S. for this great city with its more than half million, and cannot rest till Stamboul is a net-work of S. Schools: the Sabbath desecration and the ignorance of Bible truths, among the nominally Christian population, call loudly for this advance.

The rocks thrown through the windows of our sitting room, dining room and kitchen, last week, resulting in more than a dozen panes of broken glass, the throwing of stones into the garden, among our children, during recess, and the abusive language used by street roughs, toward us, our teachers and children of S.S. compelled us to petition the head of police to protect us: they have acted most promptly, for the scenes in our streets the last months have taught them to fear mob rule, and we live in peace again.

Beleiving you will not tell us nay, we patiently wait for the coming of two ladies, and we hope the health of Miss Gleason will allow her to be one of them. We do believe the teachers of our day + S.S. schools, those we meet socially every day. the 80 boys and girls of our day school. the more than 500 members of our S. S. and the 60, in the class of young men which is receiving additions every week, need longer the help we can give, and we beg that you will not leave us here to break down in health.

Send us the ladies, soon as the wind wave and steam can bring them, and try us and see if the Lord will not pour us out a blessing.

Very Truly
F. M. Newell.

Constantinople, Nov 26. 1890
Rec'd Dec. 26. 1890.

Cons'ple. Jan. 31st 1891.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Just a few lines to acknowledge your favor of Dec. 31st and to thank you for the grant of the continued rent of this building. Your words of appreciation give us new courage. While many events surrounding our work this year, have been disturbing, and while gov't. has pursued us with untiring vigilance, barriers have been broken down and opportunities granted us for progressive work which have never been allowed us before: While we rejoice with full hearts, at enlarged opportunities, we are saddened that our force does not allow us to meet the demands and fulfil expectations: there are many corners in this interesting old capital city, still untouched by evangelical influences, and we long for the establishment of auxilliary S. Schools and preaching places like the service which has been so blessed at the "Rest" in Koum Kapou, where audiences listen every Sabbath, to the Gospel message in Turkish and Greek; but without increase of force, all such advance must be abandoned. We believe the immediate need of a missionary family in Stamboul, is very urgent. We do not relax any endeavor in the Gedik Pasha Sunday School, the department so dear to every one who has labored here: the S.S. has a larger attendance than any previous year, and the adult classes present the same interesting feature of a harmonious mixture of religions, customs and nationalities; To the classes formerly conducted in Turkish, Armenian and Greek, we have this year added one in the Arabic language.

The 300 boys and girls in the primary dep't., and the 90 in our day schools, are blessed openings into new places, and we often see how the truth taught, has been taken into their homes.

For the 16 teachers associated with us, doing valuable freewill service in S.S. we ask the prayers and sympathy of friends at home. The Tues. evening prayer meeting, under the direction of Rev. Stepan Hovhanesian, has often an attendance of more than 100 persons: one of the interesting features of this year, is the large number of young people who take part in the exercises. The evening school has reassembled in good numbers, after the break that came from the week of prayer and the long holiday season of the East.

The monthly collection of the Gedik Pasha S.S. has been heretofore used, for home missions or for helping some person or community in special need, as from famine or fire or sickness. This month, without suggestion from the missionaries, the collection was asked for foreign missions, to be sent to heathen lands through the Woman's Board in Boston. In coin, the sum is not large, but it is one which has cost real sacrifice. With pleasure we forward the New Year thank offering, with hope that it may make an appeal for greater gifts for foreign missions, from those who hold the silver and gold in our own fair land of peace and plenty. If you will cause mention of this contribution to be made in the Mis. Herald, I believe it will please some of our Native friends. Since the last letter to you, we have two other Moslems, who come here quietly, for lessons: one of them a teacher in a Moslem school of 500 boys and girls. Ask God to teach us how to make the most of these opportunities for which we have so long waited. Very Truly

F. M. Newell.

Cons'ple Jan. 31. 1891.

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Plegonia, Mitylene, July 20th 1892.

Ans^d Aug. 16. filed Sep. 7.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your favor of June 16th came to hand just as I was leaving Const'ple. and the want of regular mail connection with this little village, makes the answer delayed. News of your expected visit to our mission, made it easy to postpone the answer to your letter of still older date, for a face to face talk with you, about plans and measures.

Miss Jones went to Talas with the missionaries returning from An. Meeting. I was glad that she could have such an added advantage for language study, but her absence of two months of the school year, made present duties very pressing, so again, it was easy to neglect letter writing. I send you this excuse that you may understand that your letters are appreciated and enjoyed.

In answer to the question about Mrs. Vaitse: she is a lady with rare ability for the work in Consple. just such a person as we need. but burdened with the care of four small children how could she have time and strength for house to house visiting?

Much as I should enjoy having her back, in my judgement it is not wise for her to return without her husband. This is not my opinion alone, for

Mr. Brooks and others interested in the Greek dep't. consider her coming, to be dependent on her own efforts for the maintainance of such a family, would be a great mistake. We regret very much the going to the U. S. of Mr. & Mrs. Brooks. With so much to encourage a more vigorous prosecuting of the work among the Greeks, it is a strange providence that leaves us to begin the work of the new year, with this depletion of a force already too small to carry on successfully, that already begun. Rev. Michaelides, with vigor impaired by age is left with the entire burden of three Sabbath-day sermons, S.S. class and pastoral duties of Pera and Stamboul.

The calls for the help of a missionary and native preacher, in this extremety, so far, both in the U.S. and in this Empire, have met with unfavorable answers. Gedik Pasha, (generously or otherwise), gave to Aintab college, good Dr. Fuller — to the institution of marriage an excellent and highly prized associate — to Hasskeuy, Miss Gleason — and now as if the magnanimity and ability of that centre knew no bound, Dr Dodd in behalf of the Cesarea Station, asks me to give Miss Jones to take Miss immer's place. Of course I cannot be unmindful of the urgent need of help, there is, in the boarding school in Talas, but I have not the strength, the courage nor the ability to again assume work at that important centre in Cons'ple. with a teacher just from the U.S. — unacclimated — and unacquainted with customs and language, even tho' it were possible to have her on the ground Sept. 1st. when our school begins. Miss Jones, in a recent letter expresses a decided preference to return to Gedik Pasha, unless the suggested change should seem to me a wiser division of the workers; I remember all the words of cheer and encouragements you have spoken, and the wish you have expressed for more earnest prosecution of the city mission in Cons'ple. Dr Herrick, in our last An. M. said he was "converted to the work in Gedik P."

Perhaps you remember, not many years ago Dr. Herrick did not believe time, place and circumstance allowed such a work as that at G. Pasha, to be conducted by *woman*, and with others of our conservative missionaries, did not approve of the transfer of Miss Twichell and myself to it. That he made in An. Mt. this year an eloquent plea, for its extension, ~~and~~ and joined the unanimous vote of the meeting for calling two new ladies to it, is proof enough I believe of what the missionaries of our Station, would say in this matter. I think too, I am not wrong in presuming that you desire our working force there strengthened rather than lessened. As there was need of speedy action, in the matter, I have requested that Miss Jones return to the work in Cons'ple. to be associated with me, without waiting to consult with either you or the Com. Ad. Interim. For three weeks, the boats from the Bk. Sea have been quarantined, and to day excited reports have come to this island, about cholera in Stamboul. It is very likely Miss Jones return, may be delayed on account of quarantine, so I am anticipating doubly, the coming of my niece, who will be such a blessing, if I have to begin the work of the year without an associate.

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You have doubtless read the eports of the work of the year ust ended, so I will not enter on etailed accounts to-day. Of course the govt. did not let our movements ass unnoticed, but it was a cause f great thankfulness that we were llowed to continue our work in he evening school; we had great heer in the stronger hold we were nabled to gain on this class of oung men — and the larger ttendance of young people at he weekly prayer meeting. In day chool, we had 160 scholars, among em a jewess and a moslem. ~~the~~

he large increase of attendance had
he effect of starting two new schools
i our immediate neighborhood!

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ue it is, we cannot find any
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ed ministrations. Yesterday
e priest made me a long visit and
was pitiful to see, in the conversa-
n we had, what an entire lack of

nowledge he has, of methods to lift
is people to something higher - and
rse, to see how little of Christian
rinciple there is in his own life.

Asking that you will often
emember us and the work to
hich we are pledged, in your
prayer, hoping to hear from
you very soon,

I subscribe myself,
yours truly, -
F. M. Newell.

P.S. We want very much to
see you in Cons'ple - this
year. F.M.N.

Cons'ple. Turkey. Jan. 14th 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

My niece, Miss Fannie M. Newell of Boston, a visitor with us, has in our preſsing need, rendered valuable service in the work in Gedik Pasha for the past four months, by teaching in both day and evening school and by giving in the day school 16 lessons on the piano, each week. The rare musical attainments of Miss Newell have given new impulse to the song service of our social meetings and Sunday School and at the two preaching services at Koum Kapou, on Sunday Afternoon, where she has presided at the organ. The time is near, when according to her original plan, Miss Newell must return to the U.S. She has been a happy helpful element in the work at this centre and during her short stay here, has won a wide place in the hearts of the native friends, so Miss Jones and I wish her to stay longer. In Dec. we asked the advice of the Com. Ad. Interim of Cons'ple and they unanimously approved that Miss Newell be invited to stay, and that we ask you to grant to her a salary of a teacher, for one year from Jan. 1st 1893. With the work enlarged this year, in every line, I don't know how we could have succeeded without her. Miss Jones asks that I specially emphasize to you the fact that the work has reached proportions when two American ladies can no longer meet the demands: With the removal of Mr. Peet to Scutari, we are alone in this great city and the nearest American family more than one hour away. Miss Newell has thrown herself into the work, giving time and real help that no lady, regularly appointed, with language to study, could possibly do, for the first one or two years. We have hope that permission for the new church building may be granted the present year; in such case, some change may seem advisable in the work here in Gedik Pasha. However that may be, the strain is upon us and we ask that our present need be considered and hope you will grant to us Miss Newell. In case you should deem it wiser to have a missionary lady, one regularly appointed, I mean, please see that one is speedily sent us, according to act of Am. W. B. M.

Although we have been waited on by orders from the municipality and orders from the head quarters of police and have received visit after visit from local police and detective in citizen's dress. in a most surprising way our work has been allowed to go on with no serious inconvenience. Of course we cannot know how much the presence of an unusual number of Musselmans in the different departments, has had to do with the unusual suspicion the authorities have had of late, but we have reason to think this has been the cause of the careful watch we have been subjected to. In day school we have had four Moslem children, and they have given us entrance, for the first time, into Moslem families of rank in Stamboul. Several Moslems are enrolled in the evening School, and for private students, we have a teacher in a Mahommedan school and a priest in one of the Mosques, here, a medical student from the Imperial school and an officer from the Cavalry. The privilege and responsibility are great and will you not ask at the throne of grace that we be given tact and wisdom to make the most of such opportunities? Our school has called out newspaper criticism which has resulted in the opening of four schools in this immediate vicinity, two of them within the past few months, yet we have a present membership of 150, the largest number enrolled in the history of our school.

The S.S. too has had a large increase – the average attendance is 350; the quarters here which seemed (at the time of your visit) so spacious, are over crowded. There are in S.S. more than 100 Greek members, with less than a dozen from the evangelical community. This led to the opening of a S.S. in the Greek church nearest us, last Summer: while we are thankful for every move which tends to Bible study, we deeply regret that the preachers and teachers have great zeal for promoting the dead form of their church service and very little idea of the spiritual truths of the Bible.

We have with us the same earnest and able company of Native teachers, both in School and in Sunday School, and we cannot I believe overestimate the value of their labors. In the evening class we have about 60 young men who study English; Rev. Stepan, whom you will remember, assists us in the translations. Since Sept. not including those who have lingered in groups, after the social meetings to be entertained, I have received

in person 900 callers: this is a time consuming dep't. yet we believe one which pays, although on the widely different errands on which they come there are many demands on sympathy which exhaust more than any amount of physical weariness.
During week of prayer, services were held in this quarter every evening, alternating between this Mission house and the Vlanga chapel. the meetings were well attended throughout, and many outside of the protestant community came in to listen to the truth.

With kindest wishes for the New year to you and Mrs. Smith, I subscribe myself

Very truly Yours,
F. M. Newell.

Mrs. Fannie M. Newell,

Constantinople, Jan. 14, 1893

Rec'd Feb. 11.

A REMARKABLE CONVERSION. — The March number of *The Missionary Record* of the Scotch United Presbyterian Church reports the conversion and baptism of a high-caste Brahman priest at Oodeypore, on December 11 last. His name is Dervaki Nandan. His family were Kulins, which is of the highest Brahmanical order, his grandfather having been chief priest of Assam. These high-caste Brahmans are regarded with greatest reverence and fear. Dervaki's father was for a time in high official position in Assam in connection with the government. Dervaki himself was born in 1861; he is familiar with a number of Indian languages, but he has spent the best part of his life in the study of the Sanskrit language and literature. He says of himself: "I am Sastri and Pundit, descendant of a high priest and a high-caste Brahman, the highest privilege which the Hindu can enjoy in his own country and community. I think I am the only Hindu priest in India who is both a Sastri and a graduate of a university." He was for a time professor of Sanskrit in the Anglo-Oriental college in Bombay. Of his religious life he says that when an orthodox Hindu he never thought of the loving and living God. He became an atheist for a time, afterward returning to a firm belief in Hinduism. He preached the Hindu faith as an ascetic, and was received with utmost reverence and kindness, Hindu princes and Mohammedan nawabs sitting at his feet and calling him a divine prophet. Some three years ago he became disgusted with the priestcraft and blackmail that reigned in the Hindu community. He saw the fallacies and inconsistencies of the Hindu books; he saw that Hindus had no proper idea of sin or holiness, no love of truth and no recognition of the moral attributes of God. He then began to study the Koran and the books of Buddha and other religions. In 1891 he heard a lecture on the divinity of Christ, and he immediately began to study the Bible, reading the New Testament no fewer than forty times and the Old Testament twice or thrice, and became convinced of the truth of the Christian religion. But then he asked himself: "Should I be so rash as to forget the love of my dear father, the fond and affectionate caresses of my angelic mother, the affections of my acquaintances, the friendship of my admirers, and moreover the superstitious but sweet reverence which a Hindu pays to a Brahman? Should a Sastri and Swamee — Pundit and priest — be so foolish as to bring wholesale disgrace upon his family by running towards Christianity, which is the eyesore of my countrymen and co-religionists?" After a period of great doubt and hesitation, having spent six days with Rev. Dr. Shepherd in conference and prayer and instruction in Christian truth, he asked for baptism and received the rite with great gladness. He immediately wrote the story of his experience, from which we condense the account here given. The paper concludes with an "Account of gain and loss." On the side of loss he simply notes: "Some transient worldly things which I can procure elsewhere by little efforts." On the other side, "What have I gained?" he enters: "I have gained a thing which neither the boast of heraldry, nor the pomp of power, nor all the treasures of Plutus — nay, not all my punditship or Hinduic sastriship — can give. What is that thing? 'New Life,' by having peace of mind, comfort in heart, strength of character, and salvation for the once suffering soul through Jesus Christ our Lord, our Saviour. Amen."

Mary Alexan

Cons'ple. Apr. 20th. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your good letter is here and has een too long unanswered. We thank you for the grant or the salary of Miss Newell, and are sorry that we annot use this and more, for the object for which it s granted, for she has been a most helpful element in e work at Gedik Pasha. Braced up by change of limate and the sea voyage, Miss Newell was in unusual gor during the first months here, but the return of ring proves that her health not usually robust, is not ite equal to the strain on hand head and heart which work like this must bring = this, combined with rcumstances at her home, which make her return t an early day advisable, has decided her to eturn to the U.S. in June or July, according to her riginal plan, therefore she will need of the appropriation only a salary from Jan '93 to the time she leaves the work.

The amt granted for housekeeping and included in the salary of Miss Jones and my own, is kept an entirely separate account. This house is large.

and the work of a nature that brings numerous incidental expenses not ordinarily entailed on a missionary family: thus we have found the sum which was quite sufficient, when the work was smaller, inadequate to present expenditures: this deficit, so far, we have paid from our personal salaries: this deficit will this year be increased, for while Miss Newell did full duty as teacher, from Aug. to Jan, working without salary, she of course paid no board.

By careful economy and by a larger income from native sources, than we could anticipate, there is left on Jan 1st in the hands of the Treasurer of our Mission a Cr. balance due the Woman's Board.

May I take of this unused appropriation, 13½ liras ($60) now in the hands of Mr. Peet, to balance this charge for board of Miss Newell, now standing in my personal account?

With no missionary family resident in this great city of Stamboul no words are necessary I am sure, to convince you that three ladies is a force too inadequate to the opportunities for progressive work. The imperial firman for the church in Gedik Pasha, for which we have waited so long, and which may make a change in this work, is still delayed: so I suppose the work here, will go on, at least another year, in about the same lines as heretofore.

Perhaps, since the question of supply is before us, it is not too soon to mention, that at latest, one year hence, I desire to be released from connection with the board. Since my return from the U.S. the place has been too hard for me; I am very tired and wish to go home. Miss Jones's health seems fully established now, and she will then have had four years experience and language study; she has good qualifications which if supplemented by proper help, the work will suffer no loss, by my going to America.

You have full acquaintance with the work and understand the Oriental customs and characters that we have to deal with in this foreign part of Cons'ple., so I have only one suggestion to make: in my opinion, young American ladies should not be left here, alone.

I have a niece in N.Y. who contemplates a trip abroad, next year, whom I know possesses excellent qualifications for this work, particularly in music. Not speaking on authority, I think she might be persuaded to hasten her coming, and remain here one year with only the expense of a teacher's salary, to the mission: this would

admirably meet the present needs; but under the circumstances, to invite her may not seem the wisest plan, to the ladies of the Womans' Board: until advised by you I shall not open correspondence with the matter.
Every motive that caused the begining of the mission work in this quarter remains, and others, still stronger have come in to urge the pressing it on, therefore I trust the subject will be given prompt attention — that of sending needed help.

You are right in supposing the Sunday school begun in the Greek Orthodox church near here, has no organic connection with ours: on the contrary, it was begun as they openly declared, in self defence, to save the children from the proselyting effect of this evangelical S. S. It was a matter to rejoice in, for it was placing the Bible in modern language in the hands of the people and encouraging them to study it for themselves, and reaching many whom we could not. We are encouraged by the indirect results of the work at this centre and at Koum Kapou, as seen by opening the Greek church for a preaching service on Sat. afternoon, and the sustaining the Sabbath-day sermon begun there one year ago — and a regular sermon in the Armenian church of Gedik Pasha — all this in place of the few yearly sermons at Xmas and Easter, heretofore held in these churches.

We have cause for thankfulness, too, that our day school has been the instrument of causing two other schools of good order, to be planted in this immediate quarter, during the past year; and these tend to improve the condition of the church schools. The director of one of these schools, during a recent visit and examination of ours, said, one difference I notice — "you make Bible study more prominent and to that I attribute your success over ours." Spite of all the competition, we have at present more scholars than ever before and larger income for tuitions; in all 175 scholars —

Hoping soon to hear from you

Very truly Yours,

F. M. Newell.

Mrs. Fannie M. Newell

Constantinople, Apr. 20, '93

Rec'd May 10

Cons'ple. Turkey. Aug. 30th. 1893.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

In order to journey with the nieces of Mr. Barnum, Miss Newell left us in June, reaching home safely a few weeks later. We thank you for the provision which gave her to us, and had circumstances allowed we should gladly have kept her longer. Of the 100 £.T. granted for her salary, 41 £.T. were paid her for wages from Jan. to June and 14 £.T. is needed to reimburse the Mission Acct. for her board and the remaining 45 £.T. is in the hands of the Treas. to be returned to Boston. Please notify Mr. Peet of the grant of 14 £.T. that I may draw it on the acct. of Work of Gedik Pasha.

Miss Newell was a great help in the work here, during the whole year of her stay, and she gained a warm corner in the hearts of our Native friends; they showed too, their appreciation of her efforts, by bringing to her, during those last days, many presents of Oriental beauty, and when she went away, representatives from the S. S. + Y.P.S.C.E. (where she had conducted the Song Service) and some of her scholars from the day and evening school

were at the Station, to bid her "God Speed."
The New School year is close on us, and still no reinforcement from the U. S.; really I do not know what we are to do, particularly a month later, when the evening school begins.
The securing a new lease of this house and having the needed repairs made, have kept me in hot dusty Stamboul, the whole Sum. vacation: the numerous and vexatious delays caused by the gov't have been weariness and vexation, indeed. The repairs, which required quite an outlay, nearly 200 £.T., we could not induce the landlord to make before the expiration of the lease, although they have been most urgent for two years. This house is built of porous brick, covered with plaster on the outside, which has fallen off in many places, and last Winter we suffered great inconvenience from leaky roof and damp walls, which remained wet all through the rainy Season. Although this seemed an unfortunate time to take for repairs, a year when so much attention is turned to all work in Turkey, it was plainly a risk to the health of schools and ourselves, to stay here another year unprotected from the weather. The second time the workmen have been arrested and with S. S. and schools to open three days later, we are distressed at the outlook. The matter went from local authorities to Public Inst. committee and we are guarded on two sides by soldiers lest

the work goes on. Mr. Dwight is away for a vacation, and our Treas. with so much extra, is greatly overburdened, yet in due time! the matter will be referred to our Ambassador, so we still hope the powers that are, will allow the repairs to be completed, the windows put in, and the staging taken away, before the autumn storms begin and before the cold winds blow.

This detention in the city, which seemed irksome, has given me a chance to do the many things which got left out through the school year, and I have been enabled to continue the lessons with the Moslems, whom I mentioned in a former letter. Every day has been full with the present, so the time has passed quickly and pleasantly and I hope profitably.

Miss Jones has just returned from the hotel at Halkeny, one of the beautiful islands of the Marmora, where she has been for her Summer's rest.

To complain is cowardly, and I have waited a long time, not knowing how to answer your kind letter and give the explanation needed.

It is humiliating that when we enter on work like this, that we cannot put aside human nature, but thrown together so closely as we must be here, sharp corners we never realized we poſseſsed, will appear. Knowing it is safe to conclude we are a thorn in the side of others, when they wear and irritate us, I have prayed for patience and the grace of silence, till I could get out of present environments, without loss to the work. Last year, Miss Jones submitted herself to a surgical operation which cured the trouble of years standing, and which gave us so much anxiety the first years of her stay in Turkey. The past year she has seemed well and strong; she has made a good beginning in Turkish, and has some excellent qualifications for this work. Since my connection with the work at Gedik Pasha, there has never before been so much to cheer and encourage in the prosecution of it, as at present, and it will cost regret to leave it to be a stranger in my own home land, yet I am sure it is the wisest thing to do. With the right one fitted in here, the work will meet no loss, but rather will receive new impetus. With appreciation and gratefulness for your uniform kindness to me, during my whole stay here,

I subscribe myself
F. M. Newell.

Constantinople, Aug. 30, 93.
Rec'd Sep. 18.

Cons'ple. Turkey Jan. 29th. 1894.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.;
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

What you say is noted, and I will try to write oftener: for ourselves, too, we wish the work here could be in closer correspondence with the officers and friends of the Board at home, but the fact is, left as we have been the past year, with only two Americans to do the work which the two preceding years seemed heavy for three, the duty of each hour has crowded so closely on the next, we have left out many things we wished to do, and among them, the prompt responses the letters from the Rooms at Boston deserve.

We have continued work in about the same lines as in former years, and think it has been kept progreſsive in every dep't.: the opportunities are limited only by the time and strength to poſseſs them. In Sunday School, we continue the study of the International lessons: the school is divided into 17

lasses which are taught in four different languages.
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ho freely give their service and so faithfully bring
e truth before the great number under their
istruction. We are glad that we can open these
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t so simple in all their appurtenances, for S.S.
d prayer meetings: it is quite in contradiction
Oriental custom, which requires Bible study
centre in an edifice specially built and
dicated for the purpose: though it has called
t criticism it has been many times copied.
is a joy to see the people learning that the Bible
a book to be studied in the modern language
d is full of helps for our every day life.
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rk is, we are in the very centre of Stamboul,
here is a large floating population —

— people constantly coming to the capitol city for business or pleasure and then returning to their homes in every part of the Empire.

In the day school, with advanced tuition, we have on our list since Sept., 166 boys and girls 106 of whom are from the Orthodox and Gregorian community: this is a larger number than we have enrolled on any previous year.

In view of the fact that the native schools in this quarter have been improved and a kindergarten dept. added, this larger number gives us encouragement.

In the non-protestant leading local papers, several articles have appeared calling attention to the "Rest" and evening school as philanthropic work, and encouraging the young people to avail themselves of the advantage offered for reading and study in places free from drinking, gambling and profanity: this shows this work growing in the confidence of the people.

In the evening class we have had nearly 60 students.

Best of all I have enjoyed teaching six Moslems, who have been allowed so long, to come

ninterruptedly probably because the gov't. au-
horities have been so constantly employed in
oking after the Armenian subjects.

ne of the students, a secretary in the war dep't.
young man with a bright and well in-
rmed mind, is making a careful study of the
riptures, with heart in unrest but I believe
ith honest and sincere purpose. Our lessons
ese last weeks have been in the gospel of
hn. The spirit of love running through those
ages surprises him and he seems greatly
pressed with the fact that christianity has
en propagated by love while Mohammedanism
as advanced by the sword by virtue of the order
the Khoran. Well versed in the Khoran while
ading the Bible for the first time, he has often
resented such striking contrasting pictures
tween the two, in the Turkish language, that the
tractiveness of the spirit of the Gospel shone out in
w light — particularly the love which compels
hile it leaves us free moral agents.

speak of the joy of teaching the Bible to Moslems
ut the feeling of responsibility and opportunity

is so great, that 'tis akin to pain.
Ask God to lead this young man into the light of the Gospel and remember the Moslems often in prayer.

Without doubt you realize the importance of some one being here on the ground studying the work and language now: it seemed so neccessary to me, I waited in full confidence that some one would be sent last Autumn. Miss Jones has made a good beginning in Turkish but is still weak in language, and it would not seem fair to leave her with some one just new from America. We want the best power and enterprise put into the work that it may be carried on and higher than we have been able to do.

Another matter, a very minor one, yet of considerable importance to me, I wish to mention, On account of the different interests which centre here, since my connection with the work I have never once taken a vacation at Easter and Xmas, which is granted to nearly all the teachers of the Board. The peculiar circumstances last Summer, made it

ecessary for me to remain at Isedik Pasha and
hat meant, working all through July & August.
Soon as help from the U.S. arrives I want
ermission to go away for three or four
eeks: my health certainly requires this;
ere it otherwise, however, I should still
sk for this leave of absence, which seems
he last opportunity to carry out a long cher-
ished plan of making a trip up the Nile,
hich cannot be done later than Mar. 16th.

The house repairs, which so perplexed
d troubled us all summer, because it in-
olved the question whether or no our schools
ust be closed, is happily over, tho. not
ll the middle of Dec. were we allowed to
ut in the windows. All the Autumn
onths we not only were in crowded
uarters, on account of so many rooms being
isabled, but exposed constantly to cold
inds and rain. We hope it was not
ll loss, the vexation we were subjected too,
r the final concession of gov't. gave our work
n added look of permanence, to the native friends.

Very truly, F. M. Newell.

Cons'ple, Jan. 29. 1894.

Rec'd Feb. 17.

Cons'ple. Turkey, March, 13th. 1894

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your good letter is just here and I hasten to thank you for the permission you so generously granted for me to be absent from the work here for a few weeks during Mar. & Apr., and yet I can hardly tell if it gave me more pleasure than pain. I had hoped that you would somehow, send the needed help, which should have been in training long ago, and did not give it up, quite, till your letter was read. The question, hardest of all, how to provide for the work, seemed to be wholly lost sight of. Were it the proper thing to leave a young lady here alone, Miss Jones could not take on extra work, now. So the end of the matter is, the trip which I have been looking forward to so long, and anticipated almost beyond doubt for this year, must be given up: for the last boat up the Nile, this season, leaves Cairo this week. It is needless to say I am disappointed; for the question of going home this Summer and a little sojourn on the continent, with my ni are both involved. I confess that I have very ill at ease, these last few weeks and am not happy in the thought of leaving here, till my place is more than filled; so to day I submit for your approval a new plan, as follows; that a new lady be sent from America to begin work in Sept.: that I stay on a little longer, hoping that in the meantime, some second person, with age, experience and Turkish language may be found, to take up work, explained later. This seems to me the only adequate provision for the work and it lets in the minor consideration of my going to Egypt next winter D.V. for a few weeks. You will see by records, that at our suggestion the An. Meeting of W.T.U. asked two years ago for a lady for this place; one year ago, the request was repeated, made more emphatic, as I thought by what seemed then, an unconditional going home in July. Miss Bush, language excepted, seems most admirably fitted, and possibly some of the Armenian speaking missionaries might approve of her coming, knowing that from the time this work was begun till the very present, the Ulanga church desires us to work more, inside the protestant church, and this work to be more under the control he Native community. The longer I stay, onger are my convictions, that this work should be kept under the control of the Board, till some considerable part of the funds come from the Native church, and that it should be kept a progressive work among the non evangelicals. Happy would it be, if all those engaged in Missions in Consple could be given the gift of tongues which I would have for this place, in this order; Turkish, Greek and Armenian. The Greek evangelical church, the youngest, poorest and smallest, has each year of its existance, given 3 - 3½ £.T. for scholarships in the day school - the Com. at Bible House under Rev. Constantian has aided us periodically, and the Vlanga church where we contribute personally toward the salary of the preacher, and are invited to lend a helping hand in all its charitable enterprises, has never once given money aid to the school.

There are thousands of Turkish speaking Cesarean Greeks and Armenians, often called by missionaries the New-Englanders of Turkey - living here in Stamboul and we find them much more accessible to the gospel than the long residents of this city. For the past six years, The preachers employed by the Vlanga church have known, scarcely enough Turkish to make a prayer by a dying bed, so putting aside the question of work among the Moslems, I would still plead for reinforcement in Turkish, at this centre, as being the language most needed.

Waiting to hear from you, not wishing the native friends to know of my withdrawal from this work till the time of my going is near and hoping the young lady suggested is the one for future work in Gedik Pasha.

Very truly.
F. M. Newell

Cons'ple, March 13, 1894.
Rec'd Apr. 3,

Mrs. F. M. Newell 295

Cons'ple. Turkey, Mar. 14th 1894.

Dear Dr and Mrs. Smith
and Miss Abbie Child.

To you, the epresentatives of the American and the Womans' oards I come to speak of a dept. of our work hich during the time spent in your service as brought me more joy and satisfaction han any other. It would be a betrayal f confidence to say all I wish you could know, and this, I say to you alone to whom t is addressed, and I shall take great are that it goes by foreign post. oubtless you realize that missionary publications and even speeches in your issionary meetings at home, are eported to the papers here, often: parcularly at this time, when the air is full f suspicion and plotting, questions relating to Islam, cannot be too carefully uarded. What with the exclusiveness n which the women are held and the act that among the best educated e the foremost thinkers, opportuniies for work among the Moslems have

Cons'ple, March 13, 1894.

een largely among the young men. here are those who will come under the over of darkness for private lessons in he Bible who would not dare openly study he forbidden book. We have Oriental ustom and distrust to meet and it does ot seem to me that this work can yet e turned over to a young lady and be ept from criticism. Have you not failed o take in these circumstances, when our plan for the senior member of the sedik Pasha circle, to be Armenian peaking? Although policy has often kept e from reporting things most of all I anted you to know, I had hoped you omehow understood and kept the work mong the Moslems very especially in our thoughts and prayers. No one of ur circle can feel more keenly than I do hat there is no religious freedom for the ohammedan and I come with no easible plan for future progressive work; nly to plead that you will not esteem ightly any of the vantage ground you ave gained at this centre — that you ill hold fast what you have, and give a large place in your plans.

My willingness to stay in Turkey one year longer, ifluenced largely by this question, shows my sincerity n the matter. Doubtless some of the missionaries ho have had to deal politically with "the unspeakble Turk" would think me optimistic; sleepless ights can testify that I am conscious that a ligious parliament cannot yet assemble in nople., yet I can almost believe the time is ear when "a nation shall be born in a day". ith the wide distribution of the Bible in smanli broad foundations are laid and not s in the case of the subject races, through e poor and uninfluential, but through e educated, is the Gospel to reach the oslems. The more than twenty Moslems o have for a longer or shorter time been nder my instruction these last months, ave opened my eyes to new facts. hile I have sometimes been disappointed find their thoughts of truth and religion far from ours, in quiet talks after ible lessons they have oftener shown themlves "not far from the kingdom", and ept back by positive fear of imprisonent, loss of friends and position. mong these students, have been a profsor of theology and two, studying theology

n the mosques, and others, graduates from
e Imperial civil and military schools: almost
ithout exception, they have been young men
f culture and education. Two students came
st year for English lessons and just as
ey had advanced in language enough to
se the Bible as a text book, they suddenly
isappeared. Usually, Moslems seen visiting
is house, are waited on by gov't. and for-
idden to come, so this created no surprise.
ter, I learned they decided it was "not safe
continue Eng. lessons in a christian
mosphere, for they noticed their faith in
ohommet tottering". Herein lies a power
Sultan fears, for while, every year at the
pense of the gov't. he sends young men for
gher education, to France and Germany,
ery one who goes to England even at his own
pense, gets a speedy recall, a decoration
d promotion to some lucrative posi-
n, by his Majesty. It is eminently true
Koran falls in the light of christianity.
rhaps it is needless to say, one of these
ung men is continuing lessons this year,
that the Bible has become such an
teresting book in Turkish that he has
most lost sight of the Eng. language.

hus I got another reprimand for feeling
mpatient at having my plans put aside
nd for considering any work done with-
onest purpose, as small or lost.

ne of my students, was this Winter, had
hat seemed to me a more genuine
epentance and conversion than any other Oriental
my acquaintance. His was a a conviction
nd unrest deepened by years. He has
lainly talked about, and fully understands
he danger of imprisonment and death,
he penalty, as taught in the Koran for becoming
proselyte to christianity. I can never
orget the new look which came into his
ace when in view of all this, he was
ble first to say, "I believe and in the
ame of Jesus Christ beg for pardon
my sins". It happened soon after,
at he was invited to a feast of Rama-
an; it was worth all the years in Turkey
listen to the story he told when next
met him, of how after meal, while
ost and the ten other guests prayed
the name of Mahommet, with prostrate
dies and faces toward Mecca, he sat
f in silence, with bowed head — and
when alone for the night, he threw

pen his window on the Bosphorus, and in
he presence of so much of His own beau-
iful handiwork, he held sweet communion
ith God and in the name of Jesus thanked
im for the new peace which had taken pos-
sion of his heart. When invited to remain
t this pleasant suburb, to a continuation
the feast, he pleaded a former engagement
nd returned to Stamboul to be present at
e weekly prayer-meeting held in this house.
is place in the assembly which has not
een ~~absent~~ vacant for many months, a chair
ehind the door of an adjoining room, in
he dark! And he, a graduate of the highest
mp.-school of the Empire, with fine culture
head and heart! The first time he came,
e sat with the Congregation, and met
ace to face one whom he knew as a
etective in the employ of the gov't. — an
rm. who has been quite regular in his
ttendance on services all Winter — and
hom we never suspected as being a police.

This young friend who had never
eard of Bunyan's pilgrim, told me how
r five years he wandered with a burden
sin and unbelief which sometimes had
rushed him almost to the earth and

how when it was rolled away a peace which
passes understanding came in its place.

The history of Martin Luther, that he
nce read in a smuggled French book, kept
him from receiving spiritual help once
ffered him by the Jesuit priests; he bought
Bible but without a teacher, he failed to
t just the help he needed, and says ex-
ept for this protestant work at Gedik
asha, he should still be groping in dark-
ess: he makes an eloquent plea for
more attention to be given to the con-
rsion of the Moslems; it is a Macedo-
ain cry from a new source, and
end it on, praying it will burden you
it has me. This young man
sed to ask me so many questions about
e Godhead (what always perplexes a
Mohammedan,) and I, who am no
eologian in my own language, used
be asked to explain the Trinity in
rkish. He smiles a happy assent
ow, when I ask him if he believes
ere is a Holy spirit. I cannot doubt
has met "the shining ones" and it
akes me sad to think of the en-
unter he must have with Apollyon

nown he is sure to meet at this time of
igorous effort on the part of the govern-
nent, to sustain civil and religious power.

Do not think I underestimate
he work at this centre, among the nominal
hristians, a work to which most of
ny time has been and is still given.
he Greek and Armenian schools, the
eginning of which I was largely re-
ponsible, are very precious to me, and
ever before so full of promise: we have
his year a membership of 170 all
aying tuition, and less than 1/3 from
he evangelical community, and
nore applicants for admission than
e can receive. And the Sunday School
ith an increased attendance every year,
s a work which cannot be overestimated.
ut this work which is older, better
stablished and more accessible, crowds
o hard, that sometimes it seems as
ven here, as if it would completely
ngulf us: so when your last letter
ame, with more definite plans, and
ot one mention of this work among
e Moslems, which has been exceedingly
ow to develop, but which if less, seems

good and so important, I felt compelled to write this letter. Don Dr. Smith and miss Child, know how wonderful is this situation and ~~the~~ is it chance which has placed us here on the border line, or rather in the Turkish quarter? (a form f setting off this lot, was gone through with that a christian might be allowed to live ere. but some of our nearest neighbors re Moslems.) (Hoping to soon receive dvice,

Very sincerely,
F. M. Newell.

Con'ple. Turkey, Apr. 18th 1894.

Rev. Judson Smith.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith;

In answer to your letter
ist receiv'd, — I have, which I wish to dis-
hose of, on leaving Turkey, a writing-desk,
ofa, chairs, tables, one chestnut chamber
et with full size bed, one bed-stead half
ize: both furnished with extra hair
atresses and springs: much of the
urniture used in the housekeeping also
elongs to me personally. I shall be glad
to sell to the new comers, at a reasonable
rice, any of these things, they wish.
The work has crowded our house-keeping
nto narrow quarters, which cannot
be expanded, as every room in the
house is in use, all the rooms are fur-
ished, and until something is removed,
here is little space for addition.
Should I remain into next year,
iss Barker on coming, will have for
her room, the guest-chamber, furnished
ith an American chamber set and

native lounge, and straw matting on floor: she should bring pillows, sheets preads and blankets for her bed - a comfortable hair and writing table, book shelves, ictures and such ornaments as she vould enjoy.

Please notice the vote of the V. T. Mission, which at its An. session he past two years, has called for three adies to be connected with this work. eft as we have been this last year, neans not alone being overburdened; ut for want of time leaving out im-portant work. Miss Jones has taste and qualifications for work in the homes of the people, but her time has been largely consumed in the class-room, his year. The S. S. of 3-400, the evening lass and the day school with a membership of more than 180, gives us access many homes, and we both feel that is is a most important factor in ttaining the great object for which we abor here: but the open doors with no one to enter them, avail little. hen the callers, ~~at~~ this mission house,

hich numbered last year, more than
oo., with the other work which centres
re., seven days in a week, demand some
sponsible person, in the house, "ready
n demand". With the educational
ork pressing hard, the question is
efore you, shall the mission work be
ropped? This would be losing what we
ave considered one of the most important
lements of this work at Gedik Pasha-
n advantage which has cost years to
ecure and I have always understood
om you, that you wished specially
at the evangelistic work, should be
ressed, at this centre.

Ve are here in the heart of this great
ty and the borders of our parish, con-
ining half a million souls, is one
our distant from the nearest Am-
issionary!

he Eng. Mission of this city has recently
earned a sad lesson along the line of
riental custom and criticism which
oreign ladies working here, are subject
o: after a most trying experience
ere, have installed in their mission

ouse, a lady from Eng. past 65 yrs.—
ho can never be much more than
stately presence. This argument I
ave thrown in, for it has imme-
iate bearing on our work.
not Mrs. Seelye a young woman?
Most of all, I plead that you will make
arge plans for the dept. of work mentioned
i recent private communications to
ou. In fine, do hedge Miss Jones
nd Miss Barker round about, with
e strongest and bravest and best
oman you can find, who shall possess
ge, experience and the Turkish language;
en I firmly believe more will be accomp-
shed than you even hope, at this centre.
r. Greene read the letter he wrote to
ou, before sending, to us. That young
nan has education, influence and a
ine mind, and I believe he has conse-
ated his life to Christ. He needs
our prayers. The sacrifice he thinks
e is ready to make, would be no small
arrier to a young man at home,
ith generations of heridity to help him.
our letter on the subject, I await with-

terest. Through months, I helped according
my ability, in his Bible study, refraining
much as possible from suggestions of
ny own, so I felt that the conclusions
e his own, and that he had been led
y the voice of God: so when it came to
e subject of baptism, I had strong feelings
n the matter, and purposely refrained from
ommitting them to you or to the missionaries;
was rejoiced when they decided to submit
e question to you.
Sometime we shall be surprised at
earing there are so many Nicodemus's
in this land.
ossibly the An. Meeting can assist
in finding the best person for this
lace; it is to be in session here, after
few weeks. I hope they will consider
t worthy of making a draft, if need
e from some other Mission.

You will be pained on hearing
f the death of Mrs. Dwight.
n the death of Mrs. Greene and Mrs.
Dwight this Mission has met with
n irreparable loss — one following
e other so quickly, is almost stunning

n effect. They were always loving, helpful,
nd had such a broad work here, we
onder why these things must be so.

With kindest regards
to yourself and to Mrs. Smith,

Very truly,
F. M. Newell.

Mrs. F. M. Newell.

Cons'ple, Apr. 18, 1894.

Rec'd May 5.

Mrs. F. M. Newell.

Cons'ple - Turkey, Apr. 23rd /94

Rec'd May 12.

Dear Dr. Smith:

At a meeting of the om. ad interim, just held in this ity, Miss Barker was designated to he work at Gedik Pasha, and Mrs Seelye to the work at Hasskeuy. At the same time, the Com. ad. int. forwarded to me a request urging my continuance here till some person of experience be found as my successor. In view of the unanimous vote of the Com. ad. int. that as yet, they could not provide adequate help for this work, I consented to remain, as my reasonable duty.

The feature of work which has opened with new interest (that referred to in former communications) has made it easier to have my own plans broken in on. Although, as I wrote you, July did seem the limit of time I could possibly stay here, I remain longer, not in

an irksome spirit, but gladly, wi
consciousness, for the present, best
possibilities for usefulness for me,
here. I propose to present the matter
to the An. M. which assembles here
May, which perhaps I should have do
last year, instead of sending it to
We are very grateful for the help
are to send in Miss Barker, but
notice, that does not provide for
the retirement of one of our force at
Gedik Pasha.

Please forward the enclosed letter to Miss Barker. I do not know her address.

Our friend, of whom Dr. Green
wrote, is growing in grace and in know
edge of the Lord Jesus, and we ask
for him special prayer.

Yours very truly
F.M. Newell.

Cons'ple. Turkey. Feby. 27th. 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

First I confess negligence in not answering sooner your good letter; this year, when so much had to be left undone, which was really imperative, it has often been a question 'whether we should do the work or take the time to write about'.

Wrenched as this house was, by the earthquake in July, a large outlay of money was needed to repair it; as at the time, it seemed very doubtful if the house owner would do anything about it, we only had it restored, so that our work could go on without hinderance, and are living here with big cracks staring us in every room. The ruin our city was in with the shock every one received who lived here, there was a lessening of the population of Stamboul by many families moving into the suburbs of Cons'ple. For this reason, we had expected a smaller number of students, just when we had planned enlarged work: but on the contrary, even with increased tuition, school is larger than ever before, having a membership of 212, the evening class 87 and the S. School an attendance which rarely falls below 300 and has had 500 present at a single session.

150 £. have been committed to me for the relief of the earthquake sufferers of this quarter: with this money, (which we hope will be increased) we have been able to alleviate great distress among the houseless poor, while it has given ~~given~~ us opportunities to minister in greater ways than to temporal wants. This "applied christianity" has not only opened new doors among the Moslems and Christians alike, but has put us in new harmony with the Native churches. So we have been glad to be appointed almoners of others bounty spite of the demand on time and strain on sympathy it has incidented. These funds were largely from the Eng. Consul. The U. S. Consul committed the contributions from America, to the Turkish gov't. The officers ride in carriages with many attendants, the repairs of the Mosques go on, and the poor die for want of better food and shelter! Since the permission for our school was rec'd. we have worked without the numerous annoyances we each former year have been subject to, from the gov't. We cannot be too thankful that such hindrances to progressive work have been removed. In politics, all seems speculation - everything depends on the decisions of Europe and

the future movements of the dissatisfied Turkish army. About one thing there is no doubt - the need of persistent work, - the strengthing the things that are - the pushing the Missions of the Am. Board by having a force to enter the many doors which the peculiar times open to the workers. Never before, have I seen such opportunities for progressive work among the non-evangelicals, in Stamboul.

We read of snow and severely cold weather in the U.S. and Europe while here we have had a Winter milder than known before by the oldest inhabitants.

The missionaries here, urge the importance of no change coming into the force of workers at this centre, at just this time, which they consider critical: and as both - the Mission and the Board have failed in procuring the needed help for Scudik Pasha, I have consented for my plans of retiring from this work in July, to be set aside once more. At the last Session of Com. Ad. Int. of W. S. M. approval was cordially given (in which my associates concur) for me to go to the U.S. for a visit, to return in Sept., for one year. Now I write for your permission. The work was too hard to think of leaving my share of it to my associates others through the Autumn & Winter, and thus I was obliged to give up the long planned for trip to Egypt.

just as last year. More than two years have passed since I have had a vacation even in July & Aug. (save three weeks at Bardsag last Sum.) and if I remain in this place the coming year, rest and change is needful. I wish to leave Const'ple. soon as school examinations, night school and evening assemblies are over, to return for the new school year in Sept. This will include the Sum. vacation when the Mission House is for two months closed, and all work suspended and May & June when our work is the lightest. We propose to call a music teacher, to take that dep't. which rests on Miss Jones - (during my absence) and Miss Barker whose principal work has been language study, will assume more duties, and thus I hope no one will suffer undue burden while I am away.. I hope to meet all expense, with the continuation of my salary.

Very Cordially

F. M. Newell.

Constantinople, Feb. 27, 1895

Rec'd March 18

Cons'ple. Turkey. Oct. 16th. 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith;

Over smooth seas, and under fair skies, the Cephalonia anchored at Liverpool, the tenth day from Boston. From Liverpool I came direct, by rail, reaching Cons'ple, on the fifteenth day from sailing, Sept. 22nd, just in season for Sunday School, at Gedik Pasha. A royal welcome I received from all, and my absence seems to me scarcely more than a brief bright dream. My associates rejoice greatly that my coming was not delayed, and really, a force of three ladies, at this centre, has seemed a very small force, during these troublous weeks.

Doubtless you read about the political situation in Turkey, long before our letters can reach you. Had the Armenians not provoked the riots, by marching in an armed force, toward the Porte, they would have had full sympathy of the whole world, in the outrages which followed on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st while the city of Stamboul was given up to mob rule, and brutal atrocities committed on the Armenians, fitting for the dark ages, rather than the 19th Cent. Oct. 4th 100 of the mangled bodies, escorted by soldiers, were given over to the Armenians, for burial; and in the twelve days which have since elapsed, those funeral carts have made many an additional journey from ~~the~~ Turkish prison to the Armenian cemetery. The number of killed on either side, is not known: many Armenians are missing and it is believed on good authority, that those killed, not given over for Christian burial, number hundreds. On the third day of the uprising, for better protection of life from the bands of softas who were invading domicile and committing deeds too revolting to mention, as well as to save defenseless persons from death from the bludgeons of the unrestrained police, the city was put under military rule, by demand of the foreign embassadors: yet even after this, an indiscriminate arrest of Armenians continued, till thousands had taken refuge in the principle churches, where they subsisted for ten days, on bread and grapes. Last Thurs. the soldiers cut off the food supply, sent the women and children out of the quarter below us, where the patriarchate buildings and the principal church, in which hundreds of men were intrenched; were, and troops were sent in, till the place was entirely surrounded: every thing pointed to an early attack, and church property once invaded, no one could forsee the end. The English ladies of the Friends' Mission, by advice of the English Consul, had left the city. Our Catholic neighbors, Syrians, and nearly all families who could, had fled from Stamboul, and the nearest Americans (for it was past the hour when the Bible House closes) were in Scutari and Bebek. Miss Jones and I felt such responsibility in the matter; we went to Pera (which incidented a trip after the streets were deserted by all except soldiers) to see if our Minister could possible do anything to avert an attack on the churches. The Ambassadors had already requested the Sultan to allow food to be forwarded to the refugees. and the next day, in presence of representatives of the different Embassies, with a written promise of protection of the Sultan, endorsed by the different foreign powers, represented in Turkey, the men were released and went peacably to their homes. The whole city breathed more freely, that night.

Incredible though it may seem, some of those men were cast into prison and the pledge violated before two days!

With England and Russia, diametrically opposed in policy, there are obstacles in the way of pushing reforms, proposed last May. Stores are still closed, and business is at a stand still — while starvation seems but a few days removed from thousands in the city. Black mailing is a means of raising money among the revolutionists — and life is not counted dear when ~~plans~~ that which thwarts the plans of the Hunchagists, intervenes. Every man suspects every other man, and Armenians fear the anarchists of their own nationality, quite as much as they do the Turks. The cavalry which patrolled the streets, have been called off, so that the intense stillness, which settles over the city at sunset, is now only broken by occasional tramps of soldiers. Reports coming in from outlying provinces — are distressing. The thought engrossing us during the past two days is the attitude of the Conservatives and liberals among the Turks in position of trust. We are sad at news that one of the leaders of reform among the Moslems, was examined before the Court yesterday, and last night "died at the Palace very suddenly, of heart disease"! That dread disease is so common, here, now. We know not what to expect, but we are sure the Lord has large plans for these peoples, and we hope the Sultan and his advisors will not harden their hearts till they work their destruction.

It is not always easy, situated as we are, geographically and as regards our relations to Moslems and Christians, to tell just where the line is, but we try to be prudent. Personally, we are kept from fear, and it is not probable that we are in any special danger, but as you may suppose we are under great strain — both from what we have seen and know — and from the constant tax on our sympathy — situated as we are, midway between the patriarchate and the Porte — right on the line of march that day of "the revolution", naturally many whom we personally knew, were among the victims.

The work at the Mission House, here in Gedik Pasha, ~~went~~ has gone on regularly; with a diminution of numbers, at Sunday School, we had a song service, that first Sunday, in the presence of a little more than one hundred, though I noticed the selections all had a minor key. While nearly all the schools were closed, in the we had daily sessions, with an attendance of about seventy, and if no new outbreak occurs, we shall have our number with new accessions, I am confident. As our servants are Armenians we cannot afford to send them on the streets, often, so we are having certain "new work", and as usual we are kept busy all the day. As no one is allowed on the street after sunset, the opening of evening School and prayer meeting were postponed.
Dr. Smith, I do not think it right for ladies to be left alone at this important centre, with such a responsible work at such a critical time. We feel strengthened by the earnest prayers which we know are ascending for the work in Turkey, at the Session of the American Board Meeting. Very truly F. M. Newell.

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here, as you know, is rather unusual; it comprises school and evangelistic work: it is many sided and is, on those in charge, a continual grind. The vacations, even, which teachers throughout the Empire, have, for recuperation, are for us, no less busy than term-time, save when we actually go away in the Summer (and that has not always been possible.)
On account of the political revolution in the city, it was impossible to open our evening school, in the Winter. This let up in our work, with Mrs. Marden's coming, enabled me, after the excitement had subsided here, to take two months for a trip to Egypt: first, for a long anticipated pleasure and secondly, for refreshment and an "accumulation of reserve force" to help me in the work for which I am pledged for the coming year, here. This trip was conducted wholly at my own expense.

Mrs. Marden is quite new to work on the Sea board, and time is necessary to acquire acquaintance with it and a new people: and besides, she is an invalid: to the present, she has assumed no responsibility, save part of the music lessons in school. The malaria from which she suffers, has lessened in this climate, so, if no new complications come in, we can hope that with good care, she may yet be well. Miss Barker finds language hard, and her principal work, still, is the study of it. She has not yet gotten a speaking use of it, and except class-room work in English, can do but little. So much for "three workers" which seem to you an unwarrantable force for Isedik Pasha. I tell you truly, if I were expected to continue here indefinitely with present burdens, I should be like the discouraged clock. As near as I can compute my nervous and physical force, I have ability to go on with the duties which will be required of me, to July 1897, without reaching the last condition of "the shay". At that time I hope to see Miss Jones back well recruited and the work, with three regular workers on a better and fairer basis than ever before. It is a prescious work - invaluable - and occupies a most important centre. My earnest prayer for it is, that you may not let it suffer lack.

Hoping to hear from you, with kindest regards to you and your good wife, Yours truly F. M. Newell.

Cons'ple. Turkey. May 18" 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith-D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith-:

Dr. Greene has written, telling you of the effect of retrenchments on the work of Cons'ple. but I must add a few lines to you directly, that you may better understand how it affects us here at Gedik Pasha. You must remember the very interesting work at Koum Kapou, for you visited there; it comprises the only temperance reading room of Stamboul with its half million, and two preaching services on Sunday Afternoon. The Service in Greek was begun by our sainted pastor, Mr. Kozakos, and with the help of the ladies of Gedik Pasha, for ten years, Summer and Winter, has been held regularly, often under persecution.

Three years ago, Mr. Demetrakopolis was called here to continue that work: with an earnest consecrated spirit, he has labored, and unusual success has attended his efforts, both there, in S. School, where he regularly teaches a class of men, and in the prayer meeting which he has assembled in his own house. The reduction cuts off his salary, and on his going, the little flock he has drawn around him, will be left without a leader. — a work which has cost years of persistent labor, abandoned.

At the time of your visit here, which gave us such inspiration, your last words to Miss Trichell and me when you left us at the Mission door, were, I want the evangelistic work at Gedik Pasha, pushed. We pushed - and later, Miss Jones and I have pushed and pushed hard; blessing more than expected, followed effort. More new doors opened, than we had force to enter.

"Rev. Tchorigian, whom you personally know, "must go!" one who has been the evangelist and preacher, supplying the place of missionary in this great city, a valuable teacher in J. S. since its beginning fourteen years ago, one whose students (Turkish speaking men) have gone out, to bless every part of the Empire, and for six years, the leader of a weekly prayer meeting, which has been signally prospered. His salary, which had already been reduced, was cut down, so that it was no longer possible for him to support his family in the city. The calamity, which his leaving, would have been to the work, caused the ladies of our household, to tax our already over asseſsed salaries, that he may remain here till the close of the year.

These are simple first facts, which do not present the injustice of sending out of employ two able men, whom we can less afford to spare, (in my opinion) than some of our American force. Gladly will I return now, to the U.S. if thus my salary may be applied to native agency.

In answer to your letter just recv'd by Miss Jones; it seems to me the favor of her going now to the U.S. is all on the side of the Board, particularly as she defrays her own expense, largely. If the work at Gedik Pasha remain in its present proportions, Miss Jones on assuming it, must take very great responsibilities, and needs to enter on it, in best possible condition. When I returned from America in the Spring of 1890, the Mission voted that the work here was heavy enough to demand three American ladies. Since then, the school has grown to a membership of 220 and there are increased demands in other departments. The work which centres

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Mrs. F. M. Newell

Mitylene, Aug. 27" 1896.

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Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.-

Dear Dr. Smith:

Yours of June 1" came
n due time, and I thank you for writing
promptly. In reply to the thought that
ee workers are a large force for Gedik
sha", I wish to call your attention to
e true state of affairs.

Mrs. Marden, who was reported as "suf-
ring from malaria" and could not
emain longer at Marash, was invited
the W.S. Mission to come to Consple. to take
y place, when I should go home. Mrs.
arden came to us in Nov., very much
an invalid, and the change of climate
as not done for her what we had
oped. She not only suffers from malaria
ut has serious complications of other
iseases. Indeed, while resting at
Hissar, on the beautiful Bosphorus,

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she became so discouraged, this Summ
she was on the point of returning
the U.S. but another change of do
has given her new hope. It rema
to be seen, if she recover her heal
sufficiently to take up regular
ty at C.P. or not.
Miss Barker has not yet got a co
versational use of the Turkish and
in consequence her work is still li
ited. Miss Jones, is in Americ
for a well earned rest, and need
to return strong and well, for
progressiveness is hers, the acqua
ance of the people and the work i
its various branches, are hers,
her longer connection with it, an
to her will fall the responsibility,
the main. I am sure you will
see at a glance, that with three
we are but a weak force in
a most important place.
On the return of Miss Jones, I

I wish to go home, one year hence. Mercy and blessing followed us in our school year, which closed in June. Even in the depression and unrest there was no lessening of numbers or income. I spent the first month of vacation, in Cons'ple. because there was such rare opportunity for christian work: during July, I visited 150 houses and entertained 125 callers- the tales of cruel wrong which this incidented listening to, was a strain on sympathy greater than any amount of manual labor, that brought me to a place where rest and change were needful, so I hurried to this quiet place, one hour on horse-back to the nearest store or post-office). I have slept and feasted in simple simplicity, and expect to return to Cons'ple next week- When I left there was robbery - assintion - imprisonment - exile - and a general state of insecurity, at the

capital, where comparative order
supposed to prevail. In our qu
where rents are usually hard to pr
cure, there are 65 vacant houses,
the main, caused by the imprisonme
of Armenians. We know not what
times are to bring to our beloved
at C. Pasha, but it is clear that w
must be earnest to gain that impo
tant centre, for our Master, Christ
in whatever ways open to us.
Last week I visited a village on this
island, (which incidented a journey
two days and a night on horseback
and found in that remote place,
evangelical S.S. founded and carried
on as a private enterprise, by a Gre
girl, who was temporarily with u
at Cedik Pasha. This is only one
many an illustration I might use
to show the far reaching influence of
christian work of Stamboul, where
a continual floating population.

Very truly yours
F. M. Newell.

Mrs. Fannie M. Newell

Wolfboro N.H. Sept. 24" 1898

Rec'd Sept. 28

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Secy. Am. Board:

Dear Dr. Smith:

Supposing my connection with the Am. Board had been formally severed is the reason I have not before asked that my name be removed from the list of foreign missionaries. Please take the needed step to disconnect~~ed~~ my name, as I have no intention of returning to the work in the foreign field, unless in case of special need for me there. And this does not mean that I am not in hearty sympathy with the great and good work of the American Board in Turkey. I shall always esteem it a personal favor, that I hav been allowed fifteen years serv in Turkey and here, I woul express my thanks to you and to all the officers of the Board, under whose direction I have labored for the uniform and generou kindness shown me, durin the whole time I spent in the foreign field.

Most Respecy.
Fannie M. Newell.

Miss Susan H. Olmstead
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Scutari, Jan. 22, 1890.

Dr. Judson Smith,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith,

Our winter vacation of two weeks has just come a close, and we are commencing the second term of the College year. The outlook is bright although at present our numbers are somewhat broken into by the prevailing epidemic. We were exceedingly fortunate in not having any serious illness among the girls, necessitating the closing of school before the end of the term. Even the Influenza did not reach us until last week but since the first case, one week ago, we have had an experience I assure you — nearly all who remained here during the vacation have been ill, including several of the teachers. Most of the cases have been light, but several of the girls have had relapses owing to their own carelessness in the matter of standing in draughts, etc. — It was a great relief

to us, that some of the girls took occasion
to have it while they were at home,
for it is anything but desirable to have
the girls sick here. — Miss Prime has done
wonders; — she is so ingenious, and ready,
and efficient, that everything has gone on
without the slightest jar, & the sick girls
have been beautifully cared for, and under
her wise treatment have come out, in
most cases, after only two days in the
"sick-room." We all feel anxious about
our Matron (Miss Prime) for she is of course very
tired — but she does not seem as yet
to have the first symptom of the dis-
ease herself and if only she can hold
out until everything is in running order
for the next term, I hope she can go
up to Vassar for her vacation.
Madame Moffatt has been seriously ill —
but is regaining her strength now slowly
and surely. — We hear that the Influenza
is quite prevalent in America. —
Received to-night good letters from my Mpls.
friends, the Northrops. I am so glad that
you had the pleasure of meeting Pres. North-

rof at the National Council. The American Board will be royally entertained next year; indeed I must confess, I should like to be one of the number to attend the meeting!

When last I wrote you, I had been here so short a time that scarcely the first impressions had been made — that is, impressions of any but my immediate surroundings in the Home. Those, let me say, such as I wrote you, have only deepened. I am more and more impressed with the good spirit that prevails among the girls and the far-reaching influence of the Christian instruction which is given them. Eleven weeks have not passed without teaching me some lessons, too; and I find that there are many many lessons of experience yet to come. Every day brings with it something *new* to me — and although in many respects, as you know, our home-life is quite American yet there comes into it continually the native influence. — and unconsciously I have come to realize that we *are* a long

news from the home-land after all! —
The work has been very pleasant so far — and I was well satisfied with the results of the examinations. This term it has been made as light as possible so as to give me more time for my Bulgarian. I am taking lessons of Mr. Voikof one of the teachers at Robert College who comes down twice a week to teach the Bulg. classes here. The language is not difficult in itself, but on account of its not being used here to any extent, it is difficult to acquire facility in using it. — I should like very much to learn to speak Turkish — what an interesting language it is! — — Our closing exercises last term were very good. I was delighted to find that the studies of the term had developed so much independent thought — the discussions showing the results of excellent work done. I should have been proud to have had you listen to the entire program. —

As yet I have really seen very little of Conspls. Have been to Hissar once — it rained all the time; spent two days in Stamboul during the vacation, and saw the work at Gedik Pasha, on Sunday. — Have visited the Bazaars twice — been to Galata & Pera several times and have taken a few rides about here. — Hoping to write you more at length about these things at another time I remain

Yours sincerely
Susan H. Olmstead.

Scutari. Jan. 22, 1890
Filed Feb. 10

Carlovo, Bulgaria,
Aug. 25, 1890.

Dr. Judson Smith,
Boston, Mass.:—

My dear Dr. Judson Smith:—

Yours of the 23rd July has been duly received — allow me to thank you for your kindly interest in regard to my request. — The delay had not caused me any anxiety. — I owe you an apology for not replying to your first communication more promptly. It came to hand while I was in Samokof, where, as you may know already, I spent the first part of my vacation. And a most delightful time I had there, among our many friends — who until now have been known to me only by name. — Samokof in itself is such a pleasant place in which to sojourn during the summer months, that adding to its own attractiveness, the congenial society of a large circle of Americans — you may readily see how hard it was to leave. —

I did not take lessons in Bulg. while

I was there for two reasons — in the first place, the language spoken there is not the best, & therefore I did not plan to do my studying there; and in the second place, one hears too much English on every side, to permit of thorough work, & *therefore* I *wanted* to spend only a short time there — two or three weeks — until I should be thoroughly rested. — But as I said my visit was prolonged to nearly five weeks, when I came directly here. I am very glad indeed, now, that I went there — for it would have been exceedingly difficult for me to have come directly into *this* Bulg. atmosphere alone, without first having been somewhat initiated to it — as I was in Samokof — part of the time hearing & speaking Bulg., and yet not entirely cut off from all English.

Through the kindness of Prof. Panaretof I find myself very pleasantly situated here in this small city in So. Bulgaria — boarding in a Bulgarian family. — Carlovo is situated just south of the "Stára planiná" (Стáра планина") - a part of the Balkans. As is the case in so many parts of the world it is hot & dry here this summer, - but the air is good, the water is good, - and I have not suffered from the heat in the least. - I am very well, - have plenty of time for study, and a quiet, comfortable place to work in. Coming with a note of introduction merely to one lady, I have through her kindness and interest had every want provided for and have met a number of people. There are many good families here, & the language spoken is exceedingly pure. I have a thorough teacher with whom I am studying only Bulg. grammar - it is what I need. - My studies in Cons'ple. under Mr. Voikof were chiefly without text book - merely such theoretical instruction as he himself gave me - and reading. It was a good preparation for this summer and I do not find the grammar difficult. - It is only hard to follow quickly the "dissertations" of my teacher in which of course she makes use of many technical terms — and in Bulg. — these are nearly all, long! The only thing I have against Bulg. is that it has altogether too many long words. — I am really much interested in the language and hope to master it, in due time. — One lesson I have learned this summer well — and that is patience. — You will say, I suppose, that that is a great triumph — but I must limit my statement to the particular undertaking that I have had before me, this summer. I cannot say that I have patience in everything yet. —

You have received accounts doubtless of our Closing Exercises — so that nothing remains for me to tell you, — Excepting that, — as my part was small, in the preparations for them, — I was much pleased with everything. — The year has been a happy, one for me — but a year of many experiences. I hope to be of greater service the coming year. — With best regards —

Yours sincerely, Susan H. Chuttead.

Carlovo, Aug. 25, 1890.
Rec'd Sept. 12.

American College for Girls.
Constantinople, Nov. 29, 1890.

Dr. Judson Smith,
Boston, Mass.,

My dear Dr. Smith:-

We are just now enjoying a short recess of five days - the usual Thanksgiving vacation - and most delightful weather we are having, which makes it pleasant for all concerned. It is always so trying for the girls especially to have rain during the holidays - they never are really satisfactory if the sun is under a cloud. -

I cannot help comparing this year with last - the late fall and early winter were so much colder then than now and we had such a continual rain-fall. To be sure we have had more than enough rain *this* year - *but* - leaving the weather - let me tell you about myself and my associates, - and our work. In the first place, I have the greatest blessing with which one can be blessed - namely,

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perfect health. The process of acclimation is entirely finished, I am sure, and since I returned from Bulgaria, I have been in the very best condition for work. – Comparing this year with last, as regards my own feelings I can say without hesitation that while I was most contented and happy last year, I am far more so now. My work is very congenial to me, my love for the girls grows stronger and stronger, the sensation of being new and of not knowing what to do next is wearing off, and in its place has come the feeling of attachment to a place where I belong, – a different "at home" feeling from that which I experienced when I first came – of which I wrote you. –

We are all happy in the prosperity which God has granted us, this year – our first College year. You have heard already of our large numbers, the character of the new girls, who have come to – the perfect harmony, and good-will existing, throughout the entire institution

We could not be blessed with a teaching force more entirely satisfactory.

Miss Gile has come among us, with all the freshness and enthusiasm of a young graduate - and is doing beautifully with all her classes. The native teachers, remain as before in point of numbers Excepting that three of the older girls Zoritza, (Bulg) and Beatrice D. (Armen) - have classes in vernacular translation, and one of our new Greek girls, who comes to us to study principally English & French - for she has graduated from one of the highest schools in Athens - has one of the Greek classes. Herr Lange is managing his music classes finely. I wish you could meet our girls - the student body presents a fine appearance, as they assemble in Baltra Hall for the Sabbath Service, and Morning devotions, one is impressed by the general bearing of the young ladies, their bright faces and their earnest attention.

We had the pleasure of a good address from Dr Herrick, the first morning that prayers were conducted in Baltra Hall.

Heretofore, you know - they have always been held in the Study Hall. We are much pleased with the way the students work, this year - such faithfulness to every duty, you would find, it hard to discover in many American schools. And the new-comers, without an exception, make one of the brightest classes in beginning a language that I ever had. My Beg. English Class is a delight to me; many of its members are already talking exclusively the language of the institution.

We are hoping to obtain an "iradé" before many more months. The matter has been pushed so far that the Government has actually sent an investigating Committee over - if such it may be called - a delegation of men who came and spend most of the day sitting in the parlor - looking over the houses and grounds, once, and sitting again. Their visit was very amusing to us, as well as annoying; and we were quite relieved when they finally left. - although it would not be strange if they came again.

Today we have been subjected to the annoyance of having our mail confiscated. The servant who was bringing it from the Bible House, was arrested, asked what he had in his bag - forced to give it all up to the officials, and come home without anything. They have taken the bag and its contents - fortunately there was no American mail today - to the Custom House where it is all to be looked over before we can have it. - You have heard, I suppose, that they would like to close the Schools at Gedik Pasha - the Minister of the Interior I believe, objects to the singing and the _organ_. I do wish Mrs. Newell and Miss Jones had some more help - there ought to be a gentleman and his wife connected with that work - it is altogether too much for any two ladies to carry on alone.

We have passed a very pleasant Thanksgiving. Mrs. Millingen invited us all up to Hissar to take dinner with her, and in the evening all the College people came in to have a good time

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Friday morning a party of us went to Yildiz to witness the Selamlik. It was the first time I had seen the Sultan - and we had an unusually favorable opportunity not only for seeing him, when he came to the Mosque and when he left, but also a fine opportunity for seeing the troops - the day was fine and all the troops were reviewed. What a magnificent scene the whole thing is! One scarcely knows what royal splendor is until he has seen Selamlik. —

Miss Patrick and Miss Dodd are still at Mrs. Millingens - Miss Melvin is to spend a day or two with the Blisses, at Nishan-tash and I am going over to Mrs. Bowen's for the Sabbath. We miss Miss Fensham very much - and are regretting the necessity of losing Miss Melvin for a time. She certainly needs, however, to go as soon as possible, for it seems as if very little would break her down completely. - Our girls all keep well - there are only about 25 here this vacation. - We are very glad to hear that you are pleased with our Calendar. - Yours very truly

Susan H. Olmstead

Constantinople, Nov. 29. 1890.
Rec'd Dec. 17.

Scutari, Constantinople,
March 25, 1891.

Dr. Judson Smith,

My dear Sir:-

It is almost three weeks since we celebrated the first anniversary of Charter Day - an occasion full of joyful remembrances of mercies past and hopeful anticipations of many bright & prosperous years to come under the loving guidance of our kind Heavenly Father. -

"Dominus Illuminatio Mea" has already proved itself true - a motto than which we could have chosen none better, and which is becoming dearer & dearer to us as the days go by. You have seen our College Hymn, have you not? - "Oh holy, ever-living one" - It is a beautiful hymn and Herr Lange has set it to music, especially composed for it, in German Choral style. The students sing it together very well - it closed the Exercises of Charter Day, and will always form a feature of all our public exercises.

It is such a blessing to us to have Miss Borden here, and her presence on Charter Day added greatly to the successfulness of our celebration. She made a fine address and was followed by several of the Advisory Board; by Mr. Millingen from Robert College, welcoming us to the fellowship of Colleges if one may so speak, and by the Hon. Mr. Hirsch - our Minister here. There was one other feature, and that was the part taken by the Students - nine short speeches were made, in the different languages represented here, each girl speaking of the joy all felt in the prosperity of the College, the debt of gratitude they were under to all who had helped to build it up, and their good wishes for the future. One of the graduates spoke also, expressing the interest, and sympathy they all felt in the affairs of their Alma Mater. Altogether it was a very pleasant thing - and Barton Hall never looked brighter. It was a clear bright day, and consequently a good number of our friends came over. The reception after the exercises passed

off very pleasantly.—
We are more than half through our second term—College closes for the Easter vacation, Apr. 25. There is some talk of an excursion to the Troad, at that time, but I doubt if we go. I had wanted to go to Athens, but none of the other ladies care about it, this year.—
We are all quite well, but Miss Dodd and Miss Prince are very tired—need a good rest. Miss Prince must have a good summer's "outing", away from work, in order to carry her through next year.—
We shall gladly welcome Miss Fensham back to her place—and just now we are waiting for Miss Smith—who is coming to help us, for a year or two. She will reach us doubtless for the last term so that she will get nicely initiated into the work for next year—and be all ready to commence in the fall, like an old hand.
The spring has fairly commenced—and the fruit trees & Wisteria, and roses, are fast coming out. Just now it is a

little cool - today I had a fire in my room; and standing out on the balcony this evening to watch the grand illumination, in honor of the Sultan's birthday it was actually cold. Such a magnificent sight I never saw before - no illumination, since I came, has equalled this. - The moon, nearly full, rising just after dark, has come up now so as to light up everything around us, better than any earthly lamps can - and across the water - all up and down, a most extraordinary profusion of lights - all the mosques, public buildings - palaces and even the ships in the Bosphorus, are decorated with lanterns innumerable; and all are set off by a clear blue sky. - It is perfectly fascinating to watch such a fairy-like scene - but duties call us in. A few minutes ago I came up from my gymnastic classes - and I wish you might drop in upon us some evening to see them practice; - We shall soon give an exhibition. - Remember me to Mrs. Smith and with warm regards - I remain, Yours sincerely

Susan H. Olmstead

Scutari, March 25/89,
Rec'd April 13

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Vienna July 20, 1891.

Filed Aug 25.

Dr. Judson Smith,
Boston, Mass.,

My dear Dr. Smith,

Your favor of June 27, informing me of the grant of $50 from the ladies of the W.B.M.I. was received two days ago upon my arrival here. This I suppose is in response to a request from Miss Borden, which she had the kindness to make, on my behalf, but *not* at my request. My plans for the summer were so indefinite, in my own mind, until just befor the close *of* the year that I hesitated to a for any assistance. And, indeed, *after* deciding to devote only a part of the vacation to work in Bulgaria I much *preferred* no to receive any - for fear of a misunderstanding on the part of the Ladies, and I told Miss Borden so

On account of coming across the Continent to meet my uncle, Pres. Northrop, in Switzerland, and therefore spending only the first & last parts of the summer among our Bulgarian students, it may seem to some that the study of the language is given very little time. — Of course, you will understand that my trip into this part of Europe, is undertaken at my own Expense — my *private* income providing for Everything.

I thank the Ladies, for their kindness, however, I wish to assure them, that the sum they have granted me shall be devoted only to that use for which it was intended.

Already I have passed two weeks in Bulgarian homes - have had some pleasant experiences - and look forward to my return the latter part of August, when I shall make a little to from Sofia to Bourgas & Varna stopping at various places to do work for the College.

Yours very sincerely
Susan H. Olmstead

Miss Susan H. Olmstead,
344, W. 47 St.
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March 25, 1898.

Rev. Jas. L. Barton
Boston

Dear Mr. Barton:

Your letter of the 22nd inst. is at hand. In reply allow me to say that I have tendered to the President & Faculty of our College in Con'ple. my resignation as a member of the Faculty in consequence of circumstances that prevent my returning for the present to my work there. Since my coming to America in July 1896, certain home duties & responsibilities have devolved upon me that made it quite impossible for me to leave home. I had not written you in regard to this matter, supposing it would be brought before your Committee by the Trustees of the College.

Will you kindly express to the members of the Prudential Com., the very great regret with which I sever my connection with a work that is most dear to me.

With sincere regards
I remain
Yours truly
Susan H. Olmstead

Miss Susan H. Olmstead

329 Amsterdam Ave

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New York City

June 7, 1898.

My dear Dr. Barton

I desire a word of testimony from you as a member of the Prudential Com. of the American Board, in regard to my having taught at the College for seven years and if you can truthfully add a word as to the efficiency of my service as a teacher I shall be most grateful to you. It is my

purpose to apply for a
position in the High School
for Girls here in New York
and it is quite essential for
me to have a few brief
testimonials to present with
my application —

Hoping that I have not
asked too great a favor, I remain
Very sincerely yours
Susan H. Olmstead.

To
Rev. J. L. Barton D.D
Cong. House
Boston.

Miss Susan H. Olmstead

New York, June 15, 1898.

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My dear Dr. Barton —

Your kind favor is at hand, and I thank you sincerely for your words of commendation — They will be, I am sure, of very great service to me.

It is gratifying to know that you regard my work at the College so highly, as to be able to certify thus in regard to its efficiency. My own feeling about it is that it came far short of what I desired it to be, and while it is on many accounts a disappointment to me not to be able to return to the College for the present, I am consoled by the thought that the experience I may gain by teaching for a time in this country, may fit me for *more* efficient work in the Orient, should the way be open for me to return.

With the hope that something effective may soon be done by our Government in regard to our interests in Turkey, believe me with sincere regards

Very truly yours

Susan H. Olmstead.

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